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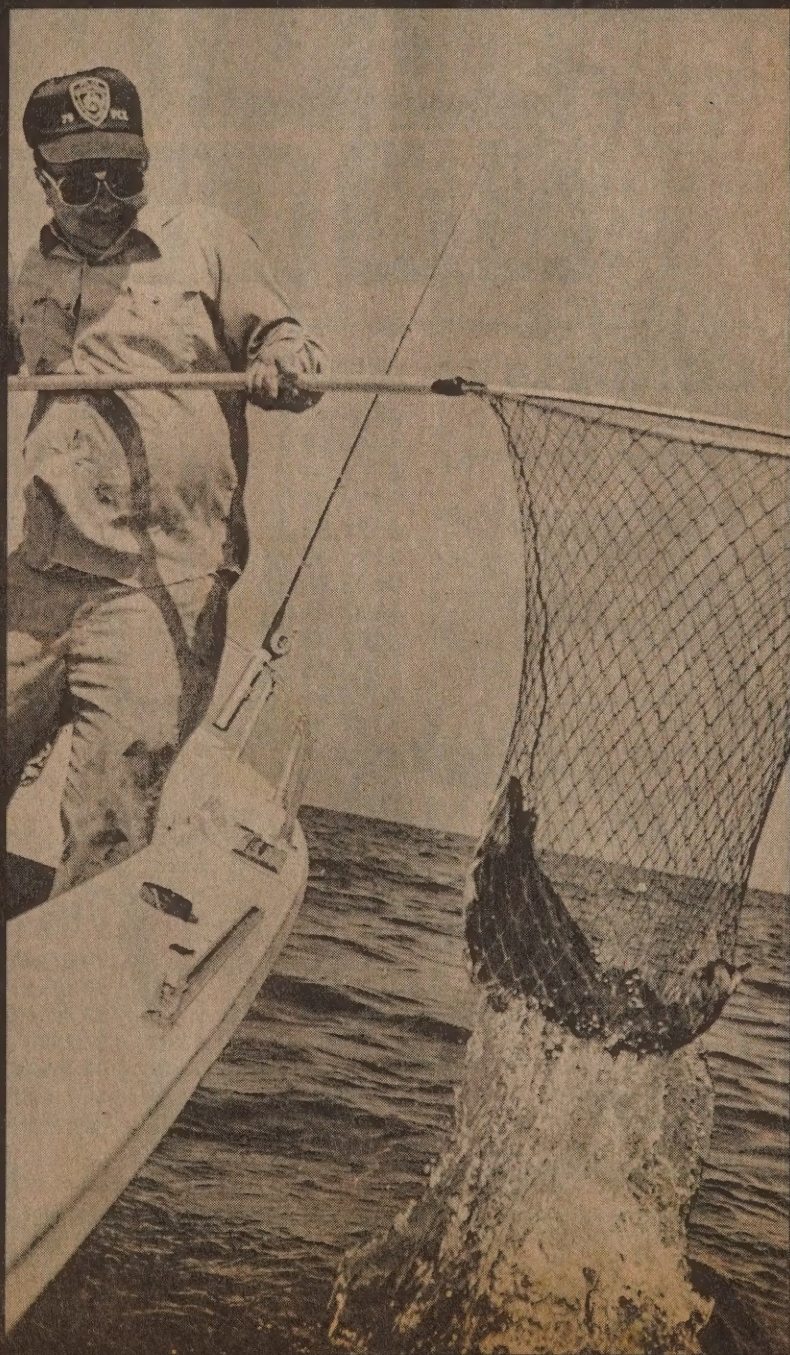
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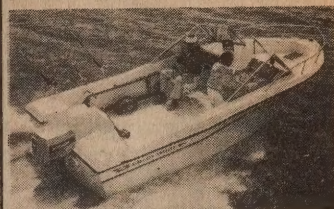
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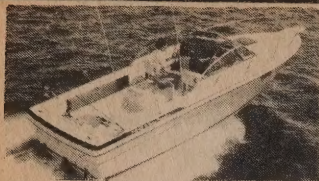
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Each striped bass has been tagged with two slightly different yellow vinyl, tube-like tags having a reward value (\$5 to \$1000 or \$10 to \$1000) and the HRF return address printed on them. One of the tags, a Dennison tag, is placed below the dorsal fin and the other, an internal anchor tag, is inserted in the belly region. Either of these tags may eventually unfasten, causing some stripers to bear only a single tag. Fishermen who wish to release their fish may still participate by measuring the striper and then carefully cutting the tags off before letting it go. All tags should be returned to the Hudson River Foundation, P.O. Box 1731, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

After returning the tags, the participant will be sent the minimum value of the reward, either \$5 or \$10 per tag, along with a brief questionnaire. Upon completion and return of the questionnaire, the fisherman's tag numbers will be randomly selected from all of those returned in a drawing to be held in February. An award of \$100 per tag will be made to the first five fishermen, \$500 per tag to the next two, and \$1000 per tag to the last two fishermen whose number is drawn.

Many of the striped bass were caught prior to tagging with a type of commercial fishing gear new to this country: the Scottish Fly Seine. A fly seine consists of a relatively short net attached to two long cables, one at each end. The area to be fish is encircled by the gear. The cables vibrate as they are retrieved by the vessel's winch, and drive the fish inward and towards the net which forms a purse or bag to contain them.

Funding for the tag return rewards and tagging program are derived from the Hudson River electric utilities as part of the 1980 settlement agreement between the utilities,

environmental groups, and regulatory authorities. This settlement was also responsible for the creation of the Hudson River Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that sponsors scientific, economic and public policy research on matters of environmental, ecological and public health concern to the Hudson River. Although a reward cannot be offered for non-HRF tags, the HRF is interested in functioning as a clearinghouse for tag returns of all kinds and will gladly accept non-HRF tags without return addresses.

RETURNING YOUR CATCH TO ENSURE SURVIVAL

Homer Circle, honorary chairman of Zebco's Catch and Release Program, speaking at a fishing seminar in Ocala, Florida, stressed the need to not only release a portion of the fish we catch, but also to handle them in a manner to ensure their survival.

"There are two main causes for mortality in fish released by well-meaning anglers: one, shock from rough handling, which makes them easy prey for larger predators; and two, fungus infection caused by caustic amino acids on the hands.

"The first can be reduced by landing a fish as soon as possible, to diminish lactic acid build-up, and holding toothless fish by the lower jaw, rather than squeezing the body. Toothy fish should be landed by gently compressing both gill plates, never by depressing the eyeballs.

"The second, fungus infection, can be virtually eliminated by wearing a wet glove on the gripping hand, or by dipping your bare hand in un-iodized salt, to neutralize amino acid. Other solutions such as aqua-flavin are available, also, to prevent fungus.

"Concerned handling and releasing of fish means more will survive to bring pleasure to others, and augment tomorrow's resource."

Although Circle is an ardent promoter of the catch and release practice, he also called attention to the fact that "young fishermen" should also be advised that there is nothing wrong with keeping enough fish for the family to eat.

Circle is Angling Editor for "Sports Afield" magazine, and a past president of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

Since its inception in 1980, the Zebco Catch and Release Program has been responsible for the return of over eight tons of fish. Eligible species include: (Freshwater) Arctic char, all species of bass, all species of catfish, coho, grayling, muskie, northern pike, panfish (including crappie, bluegill, sunfish, etc.), all species of pickerel, all species of salmon, striper, all species of trout, walleye; (Saltwater) barracuda, bluefish, bonefish, bonito, dolphin, jack crevalle, ladyfish, all species of marlin, permit, sailfish, all species of shark, snook, striped bass and tarpon.

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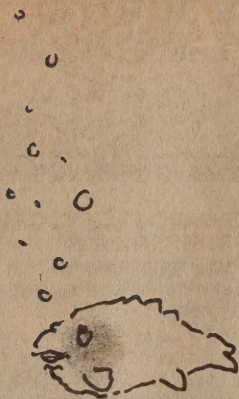
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Case #1: Three anglers from Rochester depart from a Long Island boat basin on a small charter boat for a day sport fishing for tuna. The day's trip yields 60 pounds of tuna and bonito that are placed as large chunks of fish on ice in a cooler and transported back to Rochester. The trip back to Rochester took eight hours, after which the fish was placed in a refrigerator. Thirteen friends came over for dinner the following night, and although the fish tasted well, eight of thirteen became sick with some combination of the following symptoms: red blotchy skin, rash, bloodshot eyes, swollen throat, heart palpitation, difficulty in breathing and sweating. These symptoms lasted from several hours to 1½ days.

Case #2: A Long Island housewife purchased a 60 pound tuna from a vendor at a local boat basin. The fish was brought home, cut up and placed in the freezer on the same day. Three days later a single piece of the fish was defrosted and served to a family. Approximately 1/2 hour after consuming the fish symptoms of hot flashes, heart palpitations, headache, diarrhea and cramps ensued.

Although the above cases are not very common, they can be prevented at sea by correct handling of large fish. Tuna, mackerel, bonito and skipjack belong to the scumbroid family of fishes. One of the characteristics of scumbroid fish is that they often contain large amount of free histadine, a chemical in the muscle which in poorly handled fish can be converted by bacterial action to toxic compounds such as the chemical histamine, a small molecule associated with allergic reactions.

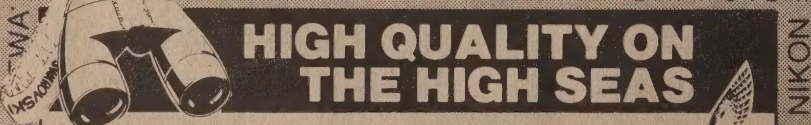
By rapidly processing the fish after it is caught and cooling it quickly to an internal temperature of 45 degrees or lower internal flesh temperature, histamine production can be minimized. The following procedure is recommended for handling large fish on small charter boat type vessels.

It has been formulated with health market requirements in mind. Because of differences in time available, vessel size and layout, personality, equipment and sea conditions, completion of all of the following steps may not be possible. Do what you can!

Step 1: Getting the fish in the boat—retrieve the fish as quickly as practical. If possible, allow the fish to cool in the water for approximately one hour while tail roped to a buoy or cleat. When boating the fish take care not to unduly bruise the flesh. With large active fish, do the best you can, keeping safety considerations top priority.

Step 2: Handling and Processing—Bleed the fish immediately after boarding. Bleeding is important because if oxygen from the blood

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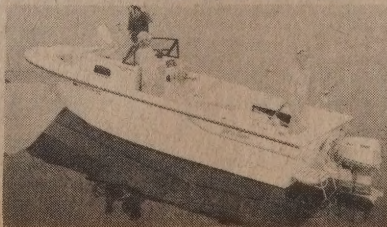
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Step 3: Gillings and Gutting—Free the gill covers, but do not remove them. Remove gill arches and gut contents via the gill cover opening.

Step 4: Chilling the fish—if the vessel is large enough and properly equipped, chill the fish for one hour by submerging it in an ice-seawater slurry with two parts ice to one of seawater. If this is not possible or following this type of chilling, the belly cavity should be well packed with ice through the gill cover opening. The fish should then be completely iced over if at all possible. Icing might be possible on smaller vessels by placing the fish in commercially produced or homemade insulated containers or body bags.

**SUMMER FUN VIA THE
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Sunseekers, funseekers, and fishermen, can take advantage of the LIRR's special summer fun offerings that began on Saturday, June 23, to Jones Beach, Long Beach, for swimming and Captree State Park, for fishing. The special package deals include round trip rail fare on air-conditioned trains, bus rides to and from the fun areas where necessary, and admissions, and conclude on September 3rd.

Fisherman's Specials—The price of \$22.50 for a full day of fishing in Great South Bay includes rail fare to and from Babylon, a bus ride to Captree State Park and an open party boat for fishing, including bait and tackle. See the boat captain for ocean fishing, at an extra fee.

Trains depart Penn Station at 6:21AM weekdays and 6:10AM Saturdays and holidays, stopping Woodside, Jamaica, where they connect with trains from Flatbush Avenue and arrive in Babylon at 7:33 and 7:21AM. Return trains leave Babylon at 4:17 on Saturdays and holidays and 4:09PM on weekdays.

For those wishing to spend just a half day fishing, the price is \$17.50, with sailings at Noon and 1PM. Trains depart Penn Station daily at 9:40AM and on Saturdays and holidays at 9:39AM and depart Babylon at 5:20 and 6:20PM on Saturdays and holidays and 5:37 and 6:09PM daily.

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and admission to the pool.

Among the attractions at Jones Beach are cafeterias, refreshment stands, the boardwalk, fishing, softball, playground, dancing, miniature golf, theatre and, of course, ocean and pool swimming.

For further information on any of these offerings, and train schedules, contact the LIRR at 212-739-4200, or 212-526-7782.

Tickets are on sale daily at Penn Station, Woodside, Flatbush Avenue, and Jamaica; they are not sold on trains.

**HARBOR FESTIVAL FISHING
RODEO MAKES PROVISION
FOR LATE ENTRIES**

Since entries in the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo sent to headquarters by mail after June 23 may not be received in time to permit return of the required registration cards, the Rodeo Committee has arranged for several means of late registration.

Those working in the city can sign up by going directly to Rodeo headquarters at 1120 Avenue of the Americas, suite 1410. In addition, some of our weigh-in stations will be cooperating in taking late entries insofar as their business permits (please try them at off-hours). A call to Rodeo headquarters (212-944-9477) will be the surest means of finding a nearby late registration center. The Rodeo Committee will also attempt to set up registration tables on Saturday, June 30 prior to sailing times at major party boat ports.

Don't miss out on all the prizes and excitement associated with the first annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo. Boats fishing out of ports all the way from Fire Island Inlet to Manasquan Inlet are eligible in three divisions. In the party boat division, the entry fee is \$10 per angler and the eligible species are bluefish, fluke and weakfish. The inshore division runs \$20 per boat and includes the same species. The offshore division requires a donation of \$80 per boat and offers prizes for mako sharks, other sharks, bluefish, albacore and bigeye tuna—as well as a Fin-Nor Lite 50 lb. rod and reel for the biggest yellowfin tuna. There are well over \$30,000 in cash and merchandise prizes.

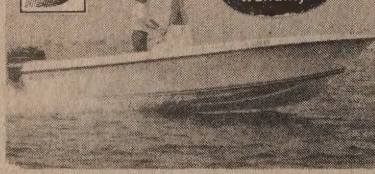
The entry fees to the Harbor Festival Foundation are tax-deductible, and the prize pool is well over \$30,000. Listen to radio station WNEW-1130 AM over the weekend for updates on the Rodeo to help you decide which species you have the best shot at. You may hear your name being broadcast as one of the leaders! Even those who don't win one of the major awards will have a shot at the many smaller prizes being distributed to those entering fish at each of the many authorized weigh-in stations.

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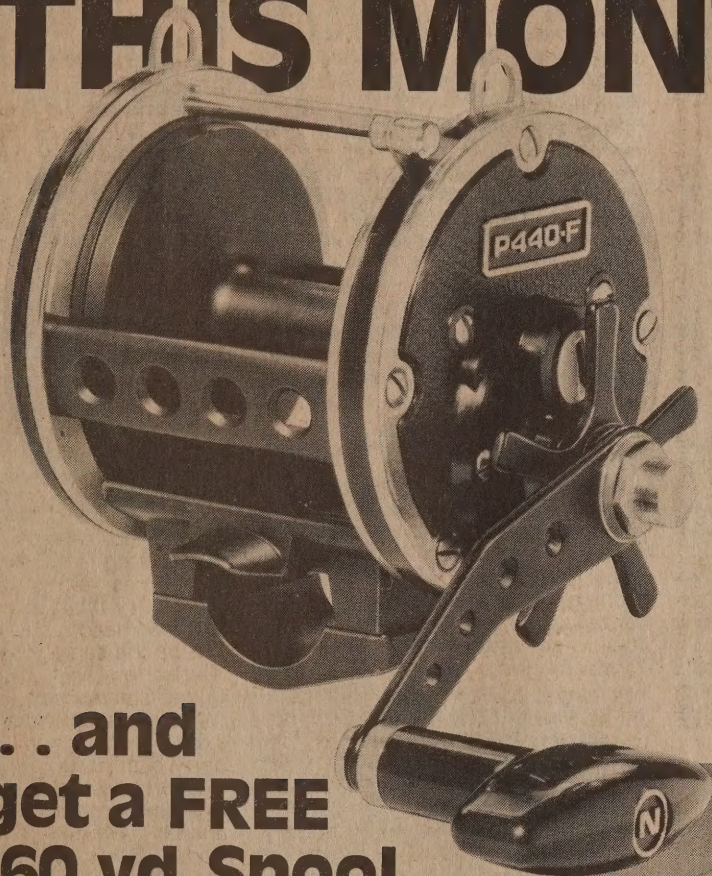


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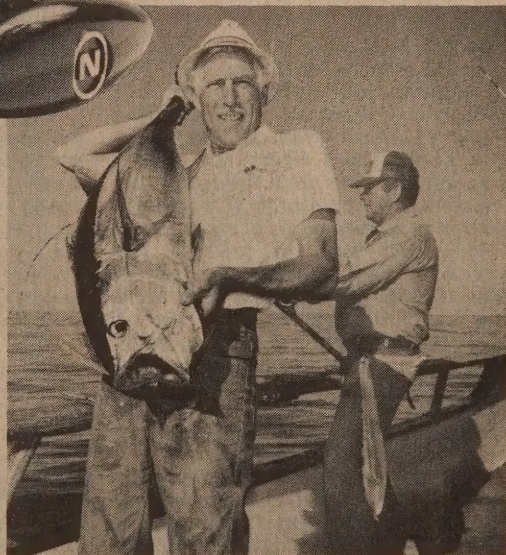


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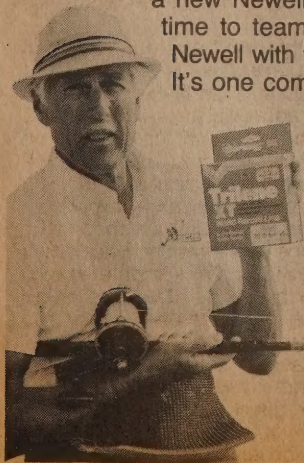
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CHUM LINES

WRITES MRAZEK ON U.S. FISHING LICENSE

Dear Dr. Muller:

Even though I did not have the opportunity to see Congressman Mrazek in person at the recent Town Meeting, I did meet Mr. Bivona, Mr. Mrazek's assistant. Mr. Bivona is a very helpful person. I left him The Fisherman to which Mr. Mrazek referred. I also told him, "it's about time they barred the commercial fisherman out of the Sound. What they are doing is a crime; they just clean everything out. Years ago we caught flounder up to 3½ pounds (no fish story). This was right at Geislers Beach just east of Crabmeadow Beach.

I am just a Johnny-come-lately who moved into Northport in September of 1925.

I've recently turned 78 (ugh). Thanks again for all the articles in The Fisherman by you and other old-timers; it makes me feel young again!

I hope you will enjoy Mr. Mrazek's correspondence. At last we are being heard! Respectfully, *John C. Raguse.*

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Dear Mr. Raguse:

Thank you for contacting my office to express your opposition to H.R. 2965, the Uniform Marine Recreation Fishing Licensing Act of 1983. I read The Long Island Fisherman article you sent me with great interest, and I welcome the opportunity to comment on this proposed piece of legislation.

H.R. 2965 was introduced in the House by Representative Sawyer on May 10, 1983. The bill was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and was subsequently referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment. The bill seeks to provide uniform state licensing of marine recreational fisherman.

I have contacted the Subcommittee and was told that the bill's chances of passage are very slim. At the present time, the bill has only three co-sponsors among the 435 Members of the House. Thus, it is unlikely that H.R. 2965 will ever reach the floor for a full House vote.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me. As a new Member of Congress, I am asked to consider hundreds of pieces of legislation and it is difficult to be fully informed on many of them without input from people like yourself. Sincerely yours, *Robert J. Mrazek, Member of Congress.*

Thanks for sharing your experience with the Congressman. We, too, at

LIF had concerns regarding the U.S. Uniform Recreational Fishing License. Our study of the issue was not yet complete when similar information reached us that the bill was a dead issue. Although we might take serious exception to a federal license where the monies might easily disappear and recreational fishermen might never see any dividends for their money, we continue to hope that recreational fishermen in our area will rally behind the concept of a New York State license. After careful study we conclude that a state license is the easiest and most practical way to gain political influence for recreational anglers and provide funds for project such as ocean piers, reefs, research, more ramps, improved access, as well as beefing up enforcement. We continue to hope that the day of full support of this idea is not too far away. Dr. W.A. Muller.

GOOD FOR YOU!

Dear Dr. Muller:

I have written many times before because your publication, The Fisherman, had not arrived in my mail many times. It's because I'm concerned about the survival of all wildlife, including fish, of course; so I would like to catch up on the editorials and fishing activities. I have also written to Mr. Baldrige to urge him to pass the Bluefish Management Plan. I am all for it and hope it is passed.

I believe I have a way to save the stripers, although not many striper anglers would approve. If the stripers can start breeding at 24 inches, I would suppose the large stripers would breed a large amount of eggs. If all anglers released the larger of their catch, there would be more fish (stripers, in this case) to lay the eggs in the first place. That way, there would be a higher survival rate of the species.

I plan to release ALL the stripers that I will ever catch until they're back to abundance. I never caught a striper before, although I've encountered a school at Manhattan Beach. I was snapper fishing and my brother caught a snapper that was almost three inches in length on a side-winder spoon that was half its size. I released it by throwing it in the surf and it literally tried to beach itself, which I've heard of happening before. Then, out of nowhere, a striper came in back of a wave and swallowed it. It was very exciting to see.

Also, I didn't know, or rather forgot, that you were a marine biologist, so I haven't asked the following questions: could you tell me what college or school you attended to study marine biology? Since you are a marine biologist, do you study almost everything in the field or a specific thing? Thanks for your time. *Gene Go.* Your approach and intentions are noble and you reveal yourself to be a true sportsman. Good for you!

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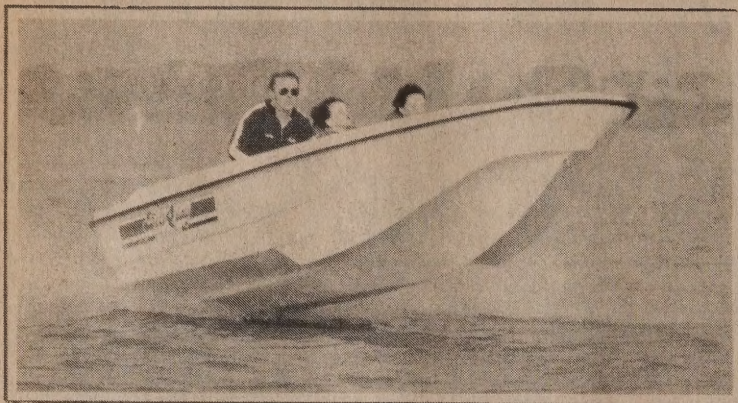
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Indeed, over the years, some authorities have suggested releasing the big breeder females. However, at one point research suggested that smaller females were more consistent and successful breeders. A few months ago new data again suggested the wisdom of releasing big females. This points up the need for more research and government funded studies are continuing. An attitude that encourages the release of as many bass as possible should hold us since the overall need is to reduce mortality on bass of all sizes in the hope that more fish in the ocean will extend the viability period of bass stocks and perhaps contribute to a large year class or two down the road.

I received my Ph.D. from the City University of New York which had, and I believe still does, have a graduate marine science program. It is impossible for a scientist to be a complete authority on all aspects of a discipline as broad as marine biology. Although I have studied virtually all aspects of marine biology, I have not studied all of them intensively. My areas of speciality and research are marine ecology, salt marsh biology, and fisheries biology. DR. W.A. Muller.

U.F.A. ANSWERS

Re: Anonymous Letter, May 24th Issue, LIF.

Dear Dr. Muller,

I find myself in a ridiculous situation answering a letter to a phantom. I also find it very disturbing that a highly reputable magazine such as Long Island Fisherman would print any statement from a fictitious character.

The members of the United Fishermen's Association are fighting for what they believe, and have scientific evidence to back them. Many members are fighting for their livelihood and for their right to support themselves and their families. If this is considered greedy and corrupt by our phantom, then he is clearly misinformed.

Our anonymous friend also suggests we are trying to exploit small striped bass. What we are asking for is by-catch of 100 pounds of bass between 18 and 24 inches. The States of Virginia and Maryland have a 14 inch limit and Delaware has a 12 inch limit. All three states control the Chesapeake Bay system.

Some members of S.O.S., Sportsmen's Federation and a few of the writers for Long Island Fisherman sell their fish. Therefore, they are pinhookers! Does this mean they are not recreational? I am still looking for a valid definition of a "recreational fisherman." I always thought that a recreational fisherman was one who fished for enjoyment, relaxation, and returned all the fish he caught except those he intended to eat.

The Chesapeake Bay strain of

striped bass is in serious danger of depletion as are many other species in that system. Philip Goodyear (Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife) stated the present Interstate Management Plan would take decades to see any significant results. The Chesapeake does not have this much time. It is in the vast interest of all the groups, sport or commercial, to save striped bass for now and future generations. It is time for all organizations to unite and fight the number one enemy: POLLUTION, be it PCBs, Dioxin, acid rain, etc. If we do not address this problem now, there won't be any bass for the sport fisherman to enjoy, no bass for the commercial fisherman to harvest and no bass for DEC to manage.

The time has come! **Capt. Don Ambrico, President, U.F.A.**

The letter you refer to was presented to our readers as it was received. We made no attempt to add a name, although we could have and no one would have known the difference; and we made no attempt to indicate that the source of the letter was established and verified. However, although we would take such pains for an editorial or article, Chum Lines is for readers to say what's on their minds. It is a reader forum—no more and no less. However, if the shoe fits, then wear it. We do not believe the feedback from our readers regarding the U.F.A. has anything to do with good and evil. The complaints we've gotten about the group center around the U.F.A.'s effort to establish itself as a sportsmen or sportsmen-related organization. I think it is clear from your letter as well as group documents, that you are a commercial organization. Readers are saying, "why not drop the facade?" Let me lay to rest a myth and falsehood stated in your letter. We cannot speak for other organizations and their members, but we can speak for LIF. There is no current member of the staff who sells fish. If there is a tendency among the staff, it is to release fish. One member released over 500 pounds of "point" fish in 1983 alone and kept only two badly hooked blues. Finally, although pollution is an important battleground, it is not the only one. Exploitation, by commercial and recreational fishermen, acid rain, climate, and other factors deserve serious consideration. Restraints on harvest are intended to reduce mortality and keep more bass in the ocean, to enhance the future possibility of improved recruitment. **Dr. W.A. Muller.**

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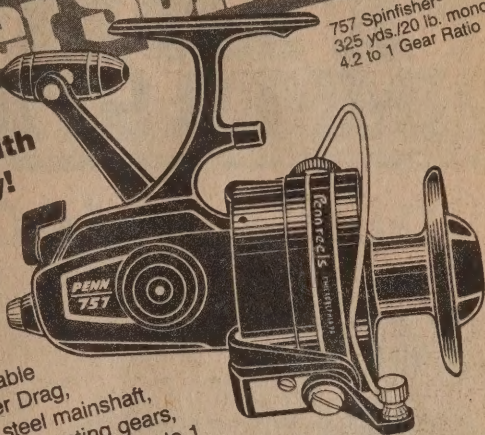
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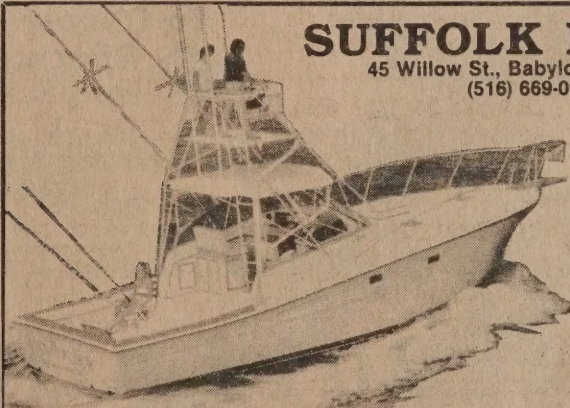


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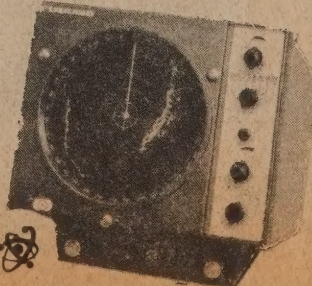
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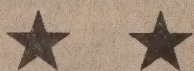
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FLUKE FROM SHORE

by Matt Ahern

With the right approach, fluking can be as rewarding from beach as boat.

I was fishing from a small pier near Shinnecock Inlet and I had just landed an average-sized fluke. As I dropped it into the fish bucket, a young fellow walked out on the pier.

He admired the fish, which now lay belly up and quiet. "I'm not much of a fisherman," he said, "so I don't know too much about it—but isn't that a fluke?"

I nodded.

"Someone told me fluke can only be caught from a boat—that a boat is necessary."

I placed a strip of sea robin tail on the hook and made another cast, hoping for number two. "Sure...a boat is better, but it isn't necessary. Plenty of fluke are caught from shore all summer long."

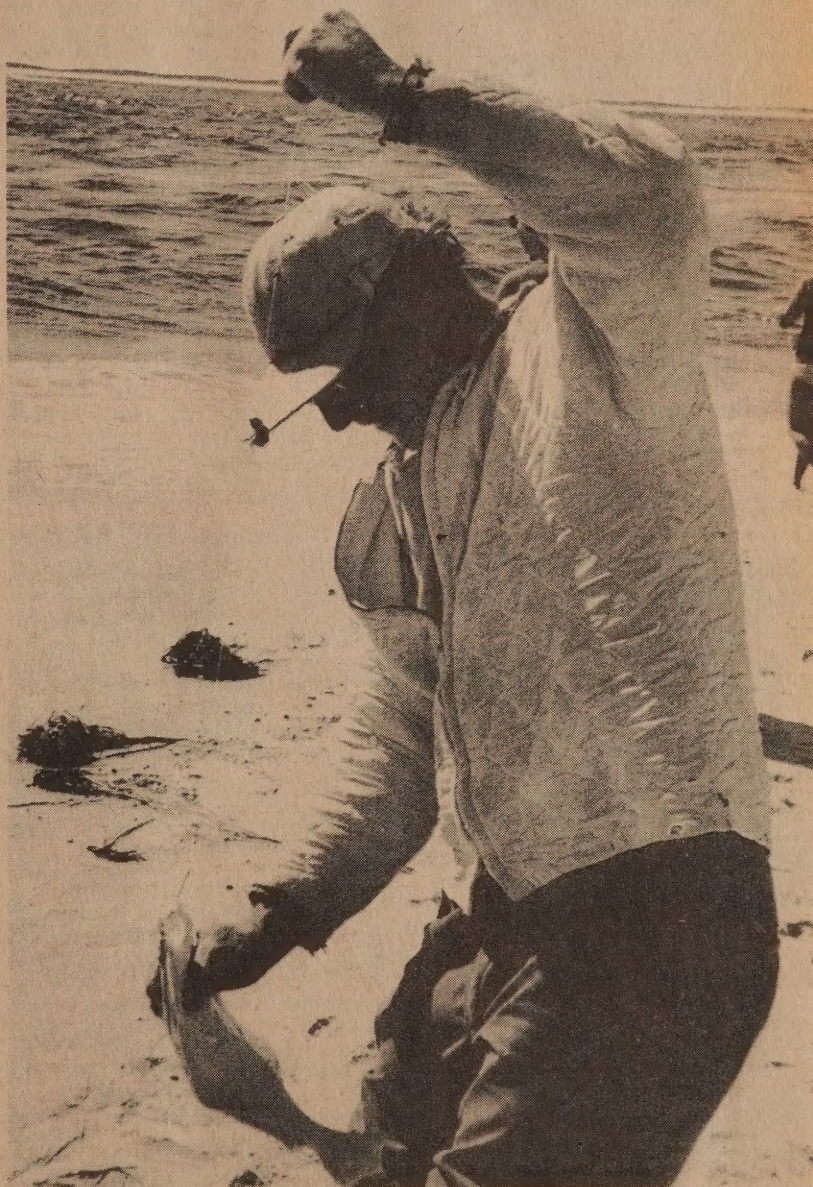
Which, of course, is true. I've seen many fluke caught from the banks of deep water creeks, canal bulkheads, piers and jetties; and over the years I've caught my share. Although most of these shore-caught fluke are average-sized fish, a lunker is taken occasionally. I'll never forget the scale-weighed eleven pounder I saw caught in Shinnecock Canal several summers ago.

I enjoy shore fishing for fluke because it is easy fishing. Depending upon where you fish, light to medium weight spinning tackle can be used effectively. If you're fishing around an ocean inlet, currents will probably make medium weight tackle a better choice. But when fishing a creek or canal, or wherever tidal action is nil, the lighter gear will get by without difficulty.

For light spinning equipment, a reel filled with 10 pound good quality monofilament is satisfactory. I would not go below this, though. The shore fisherman never knows how big the next fluke may be—remember that eleven pounder from Shinnecock Canal and be guided accordingly.

For medium-weight tackle in areas where currents are stronger, 15 to 20 pound test mono is best. This doesn't mean you will catch outsize fish every time you fish these areas, but strong currents are notorious for dislodging copious amounts of seaweed from the bottom and occasionally this drapes around the line—most often, it seems, when reeling in a fluke. Light line is likely to part at the crucial moment. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Your reel should be of top quality.



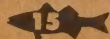
Sandy beaches bordering South Shore inlets are prime areas to look for shore fluke.

Fluke are attracted by movement—meaning you should expect to do a great deal of casting and retrieving, along with a bit of jigging, if you want to catch your share of fish. Occasionally, a fluke is caught on a dead line, but this fluke-fishing method isn't recommended for the sinker

bouncer who hopes to excel at the game. The successful fluke fisherman is one who takes advantage of proven methods that will put fish in the bucket.

As noted, your reel should be of top quality and it should be properly

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cared for—especially when shore fishing where particles of sand and dirt are always present. No matter how careful the shore fisherman, a certain amount of gook will get inside the reel. As you reel, you'll hear the gook grate and grind and these particles can easily cause internal damage if not removed. If you know your reel is properly lubricated you can probably get through the day, providing there isn't an excessive amount. If you can still hear the reel protesting after several casts, you should stop fishing and check it over. Before you attempt this, be certain you know how to put it together. Be sure to clean it thoroughly when the day's fishing is over and relubricate. A good reel is like a fine watch: it will give years of service only when properly cared for, but it cannot be abused repeatedly and be expected to perform adequately. A fine reel deserves expert attention.

Rigging for fluke is no problem. A leader is always required, not because fluke are line shy, but because the use of a leader imparts the necessary action to attract fluke to the bait.

Fluke leaders come in various lengths, usually 18 to 24 inches, complete with snelled hook. I believe the two-footer to be best—and a three-footer better still. I know that at times three footers are difficult to come by; therefore, if you want to use one of this size you may have to make it up yourself.

Leader material is especially made for the job, so don't substitute mono line from your reel. Mono is too soft and pliable, therefore, using it will cause no end of trouble as it curls and twists around the main line. Some fishermen who run short of leaders when fishing, do use mono and they compensate by placing a small clincher sinker near the hook. This small weight helps to keep the mono from twisting. This is a stop-gap measure at best and shouldn't be used to permanently take the place of the required leader.

A 3/0 or 4/0 Carlisle hook, commonly called "the fluke hook," is about the right size to use. It will hook fluke without difficulty and it is strong enough to hold any outsize fish you may be fortunate enough to come by. No matter how experienced the fisherman, when he sees that large mouth armed with those wicked-looking teeth, he's always glad he selected a long-shanked hook.

Sinker weight is governed by the strength of the current in the area where the fishing is being done. Usually, though, a two ounce bank sinker will be heavy enough in those quiet places away from inlets, and as much as four or more will be required when fishing close to the ocean.

Three-way swivels can be tied in directly above the sinker, if you wish. You can also place the leader directly on the line by forming a two inch double overhanded knotted loop a couple of inches above the sinker. Most times I use a sinker snap

and place the leader and sinker together. Works fine.

Don't forget a net! When fluke fishing this is almost as important as bait. When fishing from a gently shelving beach, you may be able to land your fish without too much difficulty, but if you must lift your fluke onto a pier or bulkhead, you better think seriously about a net. Fluke have a cute trick of shaking free seconds before being lifted from the water. Hundreds of fluke are lost this way each year—don't let it happen to you!

Fluke are predators. Therefore, using such baits as clam, mussel and worm, will get you few fluke. I've caught an occasional fluke on worm while flounder fishing late in the season, and I can recall catching one or two on skimmer while sea bass fishing on the offshore wrecks, but these baits should never be depended upon to produce fluke.

It is my thought that the best fluke bait of all is a lively two inch killifish. If you use these, run the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover—carefully. If done properly, you'll find the killifish staying alive a good, long time. Placing the hook through the lips works, too; but if this isn't done just so, it is often lost by casting or through the actions of a short-biting fluke.

If you plan on fluke fishing near the ocean inlets, sand eels can be depended upon to produce. And don't forget the fluke-catching ability of small snappers—these baby blues really produce, especially around inlets. Large spearing are often good, but these work best when fresh. A tall order, I know, when one considers most spearing are purchased in a frozen state. But some fishermen do net their own spearing from the shallows—you may be certain these fishermen always have the edge.

When using whole fish for bait, except killifish, run the hook through the head and then back in the body at mid-section. The bait should lie naturally along the hook shank—bunched bait causes twisted leaders and brings few fluke. When using these baits, always allow the fluke time to munch a bit before setting the hook.

Strips of sea robin and squid are very good baits. In fact, most all my inshore fluke fishing is done with sea robin bait. There is seldom trouble getting a supply. I sometimes use strips of fish bait cut from the belly of a flounder. To do this, along about mid-April I place a dozen or so slices in the freezer. Then, should I want to try a little fluke fishing on the spur of the moment, I don't have to worry about securing bait first. Fluke belly works well, but fishermen are not too keen about cutting up their fluke. (And don't use your "shorts" for this. If you do, you'll only be injuring your future fluke fishing.)

It's easy to prepare sea robin for fluke bait. Always leave the scales on as this makes a more appealing bait.

Hold the robin down by the head—preferably with a rag because of the sharp spines—and make a cut at the vent to the backbone and then slice along this to the tail. Do the same on the opposite side and you will have two pieces of choice bait. I usually then cut each lengthways, giving me four pieces. I use the lighter-skinned pieces first. Run the hook through the widest part—once only—and that's it. Takes but a minute and makes ideal bait.

Squid should be washed in sea water and the skin removed. Cut into pennant-shaped slices about four inches long. I usually run the hook through only once, but I know fishermen who run the hook back the second time and allow the barb to protrude near the end. They tell me this way assures better hooking. Maybe so, but I've never had trouble when hooking through just once. I believe the squid strip is more alluring when allowed to wiggle enticingly in the current. The choice is yours—one method will surely work for you. Oh—one thing about using squid strips for fluke (this can be applied to any strip bait). When the strip shows signs of wear and tear: bottom debris, etc.—change it! Fluke will not go near a bait which is dirty with grit, seaweed, mud and so forth. Do this frequently and watch your fluke catch increase.

It is important that you impart action to your bait. Don't let it sit out there on bottom! Cast out as far as possible and when the rig strikes bottom, begin to retrieve it with short lifts of the rod tip, reeling in the slack as you go along. Keep that bait moving! Should you feel a sudden weight, don't be in too much of a hurry to set the hook. Let the fish get the bait down—this is especially important when using squid and sea robin strips. Your fluke may take off with a powerful flick of its tail, hooking itself, or it may lie quietly on bottom. If this happens, lift the rod tip and if weight is still felt, set the hook with a follow-through of the rod.

Check the fluke fishing areas nearest you. Quite often good fluke fishing can be had from private piers and bulkheads, and frequently if the owner is approached in a sincere, friendly manner, permission for use is usually granted. I can say truthfully that I've seldom been refused permission to use these ideally situated piers and bulkheads. Needless to say, part of your catch should be offered as a token of appreciation. My offerings have rarely been accepted, but it is the thought behind it that counts. And most important of all, don't forget to clean up when you've finished fishing—leave it better than when you arrived! (It will be checked after you leave, have no fear.) Doing it this way assures you a repeat visit.

Now, go out there and use the information I've given you. Join the multitudes of fluke fishing sinker bouncers this summer. The fish are there—waiting.

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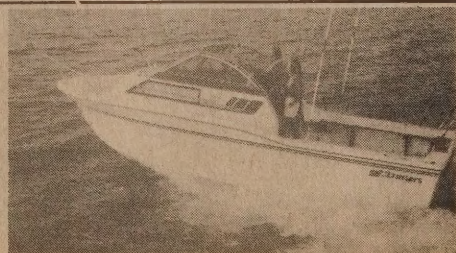
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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS Of The Great White Kind

by Pete Barrett

**Great whites are not too common along the Jersey Coast;
but when you do see one, you will never forget it!**

The mackerel fishing was spotty and Steve moved his "Fishin' Fool" up from the Tolten to the area near the Humpty Dumpty. His fishing partner, John Giesen was changing the paper in the recorder and had just turned it on when he let out a whistle as the paper went dark about five feet below the boat.

At the same time, Steve dropped his jaw as a huge white shark slid along with barely an effort just below the surface of the water and went beneath the boat.

Both men looked at each other in awe of what they had just seen. The huge grey-brown mass of fish made another pass beneath the boat nosing around in the chum slick intended to draw mackerel, not sharks. The recorder again went black with a second, huge, long mark.

Steve said, "I could see it clearly just below the surface. It moved with little apparent effort, only the last third of the fish's body moving slowly, almost like in slow motion as it glided through the water. We could see the

gill slits, the mouth, the overall shape. There was no doubt about it: it was a white."

Both Steve and John guessed the length at between 20 and 25 feet as it slowly swam past them a third time.

"It looked like a huge mako, only instead of being blue, it was a brown-gray color. It was big around, too, lots of girth. It was almost unbelievable how easily it swam through the water. Needless to say, there wasn't a mackerel anywhere around. They all left the slick as soon as this big guy showed up."

Most reports of white sharks go unrecorded, but not Steve's sighting. Although he did not have a camera handy to snap a picture, the graph recorder saved an unmistakably huge mark of a truly big fish.

Rich Mason didn't take a photo of his great white encounter, either, but he did come back to the dock with half of a tiger to prove that something huge had dined on his trophy catch.

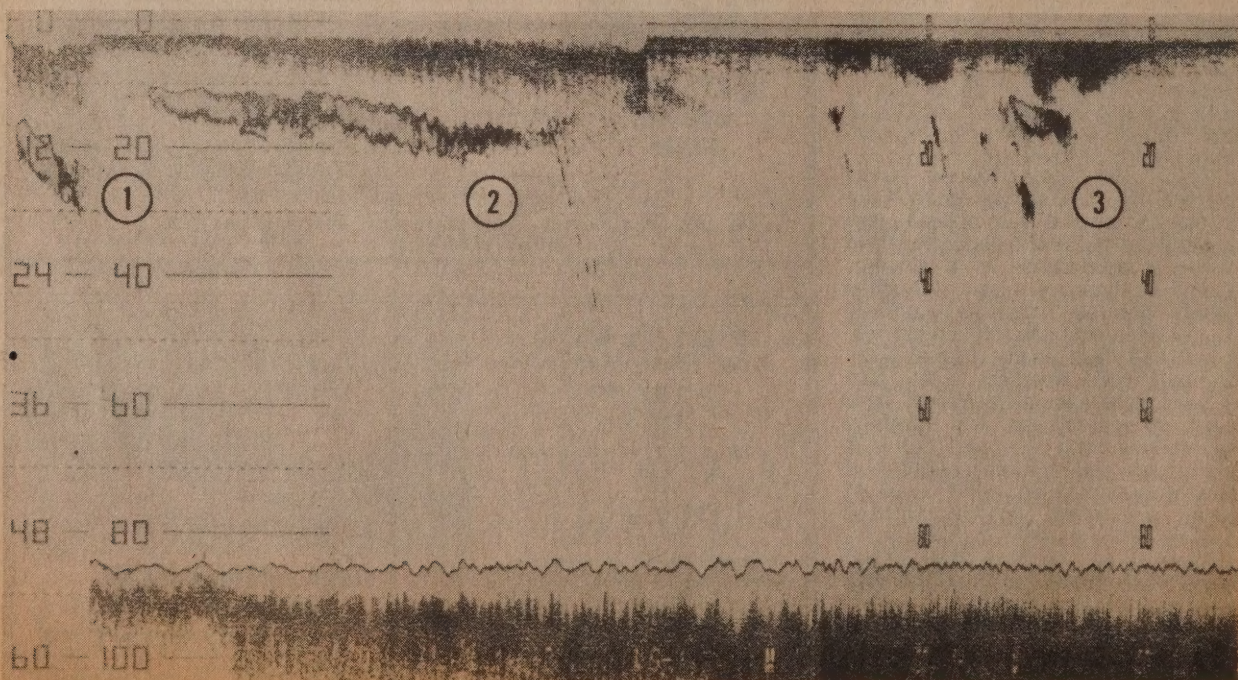
Rich likes fishing for tigers and had caught two small tigers and a dusky

as he drifted this one morning about 25 miles off of Wildwood. Most of his catches he releases, having caught well over 100 tigers in the last 14 years that he has been avidly sharking.

His fourth fish of the day was a very big tiger, measured at boatside at 13½ feet, and probably would have weighed in the neighborhood of 700 pounds. He killed the fish, tied it off on the midships gun's cleat with two tail ropes and then went back to drifting for another customer.

He and his buddies were taking a siesta when suddenly the boat rocked and the side of the hull pounded with a resounding thump. Rich went to the side of the boat to check the tail ropes, thinking the tiger had revived after the lethal dose of 30.06. As he bent over to check the fish he was suddenly staring eyeball to eyeball with a white shark.

"The nose came out of the water, then the mouth, then the eyes," he said. "I almost dropped dead from fright. It was much bigger than the



The great white spotted by Steve Barcik made three passes under his boat, the Lowrance recorder marking each pass of the big fish. The second pass was directly under the transducer, while the first and third were at an angle.

tiger and at that moment, it looked bigger than my boat!"

It swam away in a slow circle, then came back to the tiger shark carcass making one last bite at the head. Rich and his partners got one last look as the white swam beneath the boat, then came out the other side, swam directly to the chum bag and bit it, tearing it free from the rope.

Several hours later back at the dock, the three men agreed that the white was about 18 feet long. The tiger shark had four large bites in the sides of the fish and the head was missing! Rich is still looking for a set of tiger shark trophy jaws.

Willie Caffasso was drifting for bass just offshore of the cores along the sea wall at Monmouth several years ago when he saw a large grayish shape slowly slide out of the water not far from his boat. It was obviously a shark and he and his partner were excited about seeing one so large and so close to the boat! What a thrill!

About a year later Willie and his buddy went to see the movie, "Blue Water, White Death." During the narration the commentator remarked how great whites were well known for the habit of surfacing as if to take a look at their victims before attacking them! No wonder he and his partner got the shakes at the movies. They'll never really know how close they came to being attacked by one of these awesome fish.

Jay Glogann is one of the few people I've ever met who can actually say his boat was attacked by a great white. Perhaps attacked is too strong a description. When pressed for details, John admits that maybe the big shark was only trying to taste the boat before deciding to attack it.

He was drifting for sharks about 15 miles south of Barnegat Inlet in 120 feet of water. The day had been fair with three sharks caught: one a small mako that was already cleaned and placed into an icy cooler. Jay noticed a wake coming up in the slick and shouted to his friends to get ready, there was a shark in the slick. Suddenly the fin broke the surface. It was a large fin. Jay peered into the water from the bridge and couldn't believe his eyes as the fish's back broke water. It looked to be about 20 feet long and it was built like a submarine. It sounded as if got near the boat.

For many minutes it disappeared. Jay said, "It was like in the movie 'Jaws', when they are waiting for the shark to show himself. My buddies didn't believe the fish was as big as I said it was until it finally showed its face just off the transom. It nudged the stern below the water, then rolled on its side and swam away. When it came back it moved slowly and almost like you would steal some icing off a cake, it gently bit the transom corner!"

"I thought we were goners. I truly believed we'd end up on the six o'clock news." No one spoke. "I went to the helm and started one engine, I

slipped the boat into gear and began to ease away."

"The second engine started and I put a little throttle down to move away from the slick. The shark swam with us four about 10 minutes. It was scary. The lines and tackle were all tangled, but we didn't care. We were just glad to see the white move away and leave us alone."

I've been fortunate to have two encounters with white sharks, the first was rather tame, the second was exciting. I had often heard of sightings of great whites by boats coming back from the canyon, but had never seen one until four years ago. It was a calm day and I was enjoying the ride up in the tower, running the boat from up topside while others slept or cleaned fish.

I saw a fin and tail making a wake and veered off the course to take a closer look. I thought it would be a hammerhead or perhaps a tiger, but was shocked when we pulled up near the fish. It swam slowly about three feet below the surface in the glassy calm water, the dorsal and tail fins occasionally clearing the surface slick causing a slight wake. Our boat was a 28 Topaz and the fish looked to be about 3/4 the length of the boat, or about 18 to 20 feet in length.

It seemed in no hurry to avoid us and we all had a chance to see it and clearly identify it as a white. After several minutes it slowly sounded, leaving us only the ghost of memories about the enormous fish.

My second encounter was a disappointment on one hand, a neat experience on the other hand. The day was a slow day of sharking with little breeze to push us along for a decent drift. Suddenly, the second float went down and line ripped off the reel—then it stopped. A wake came at the boat and then a gray-brown mass of shark surfaced, turned on its side, flipped a pectoral at us and sounded.

The fish had taken a bait, but was already history. It had moved right up the line and as it turned on its side we could see the leader and part of the dacron line wrapped around its massive head. My fishing partners that day, Alan Sherman and Dave Arbeitman, both agreed that the fish was about 12 feet long. Not as large as many sightings of great whites, but it was built like a beer barrel. Dave's call to Jack Casey's office gave us a guesstimate of the weight at about 800 pounds.

The great white shark is a loner and is not frequently caught or observed by New Jersey fishermen. In spite of heavy shark fishing pressure, there are not more than a half dozen to maybe a dozen whites caught each year. Most weigh in at 200 to 500 pounds, a respectable fish to be sure, but nowhere near the size of an adult great white.

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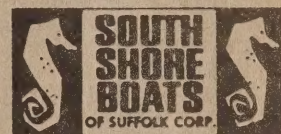
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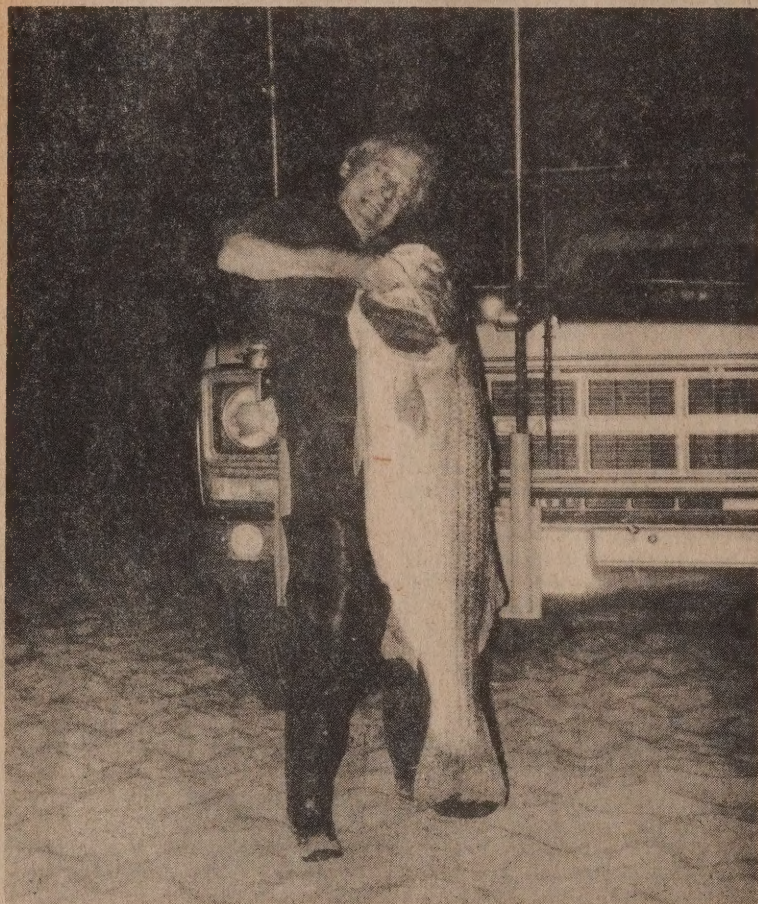


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BEATING THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS

by John Fritz



Casters who hang up their rods during the dog days of July and August are missing out on some potentially good surf action.

There are several ways in which the period commonly known as the "summer doldrums" can be viewed. For some, the pleasant summer months are the only time for giving their outmoded gear a seasonal work-out. It matters little if the species caught is a mighty striped bass or a barely legal summer flounder. The summer months for many others is a time when entire families get together and delight in the many wonderful experiences afforded by a summer sea. The dedicated surf fisherman does not stow his gear until the chill winds of autumn rekindles the urge to

fish, but rather adapts his fishing techniques to be more attuned to the moods of the resident game fish.

In reality the only true period of inactivity takes place during the dead of winter when few, if any fish or fishermen are present in the surf. The hot, humid months of summer, on the other hand, are a time when it might be a bit more difficult to experience worthwhile fishing, but there are many occasions when fishing, equal to the season's best, can be enjoyed. The periods of dawn, dusk and the nighttime hours to be sure, but also when overcast skies and chilling

winds drive the sunworshippers from the beach. These are the times when midsummer fishing can be exciting.

Assuming that June and October are the peak fishing periods for the surf fisherman, with a gradual build-up and decline occurring before and after these prime months, let us then presume that July and August are the focal points of what is considered to be the "summer doldrums." We can take this period one step at a time and present a partial list of the opportunities available to the local anglers and how they can go about sharing in a few of the covert activities of which few casual fishermen are aware.

The first weeks of July cannot, in truth, be considered part of the doldrums, for much of the hot fishing associated with the month of June continues well past our celebration of Independence Day. Striped bass have not settled completely into their summer habits and may still be taken occasionally along the ocean beaches, particularly during the night and twilight periods. Once the summer patterns are established, knowledgeable anglers will concentrate their efforts to the sod banks and channels of the interior south shore bays and inlets, preferably using medium weight tackle. The myriads of baitfish which fill each creek and tributary are concentrated in certain areas as the ebb tide forces them to seek the deeper channels. Veteran bay fishermen, with an intimate knowledge of such locations, choose the wind and tidal conditions which will provide them with the greatest chance of success.

Favorite lures includes, but are not limited to, any of the Rebel type swimmers, the 4 and 5 inch floating versions to be sure, but also the jointed and sinking models. It should be noted that in many areas of the back bays the use of sinking lures is impractical due to either submerged sections of bog or various articles of debris littering the bottom.

In past years, when the weakfish began their first show of resurgence, several of us would fish the banks of the State Channel behind Cedar Beach using chunks of mackerel for bait. When fishing bottom was not on the agenda, we would cut a supply of triangular strips of mackerel belly which were used in place of pork rind on 1/2 ounce Smilin Bill bucktails. White was the most favored color but when the water was especially murky, usually from an uncommonly persistent north wind, the color yellow seemed to produce better results.

When an evening was to be spent plugging, we were well equipped with a variety of small swimming plugs and an ample supply of bug spray, for unless a brisk southerly wind was present, the mosquitoes would make any activity in this area unbearable. The back side of the barrier island west of the Wantagh Parkway poses no particular difficulty, but anglers wandering about the sod banks north of Cedar after dark should be con-

cerned about his footing, for mosquito trenches and soft potholes abound throughout this area.

In more pristine areas of Long Island, the hours of darkness will often produce weakfish and school bass for the knowing surfman, whereas anyone willing to be on the beach at the crack of dawn would often encounter schools of medium sized bluefish in a receptive mood. This was before the awakening boatmen and the rising sun chased them into deeper waters. Numerous north shore areas have afforded such action in the past and I'm sure that at least a few of these places will continue to do so in the future. The major problem on this coast is gaining access, for a significant portion of the shore is severely regulated during the summer season, with most local agencies only permitting area residents the right to trespass on their precious beaches. Outsiders, unless they can make clandestine arrangements, will be restricted to using the State Parks. Of the four prominent state-run parks on the north shore, Sunken Meadow is probably the best bet for the average fisherman. Orient is a bit far; Caumsett has a strict limitation on access, while at Wildwood, I really know little about the fishing possibilities during the summer months.

The month of July, well into the first half of August, has often presented excellent night-long plug casting for weakfish at a few scattered locations. The most notable areas have been at Montauk, from Shagwong to Gin Beach and inside either Fire Island or Jones Inlets. It seems that the quality of the fishing in any area is dependent upon factors which cannot be determined ahead of time—bait supply and pressure by commercial netters have been two critical elements in past seasons. I do know that increased activities by either haul seiners or gill netters can make any sport fishing effort in that particular area worthless. Let us be optimistic and hope that they will confine their efforts to other areas. If so, the prospective angler has almost unlimited freedom in choosing his method of fishing. Small swimming plugs and teasers work well in the more quiet areas while heavy tins and Red Gill teasers, wielded with big surf sticks and dragged along the bottom are effective at the mouths of the inlets or in the adjacent surf. A more leisurely approach can be achieved by fishing the ocean surf with a fish finder rig dressed with a favorite weakfish and striped bass bait, several whole sandworms.

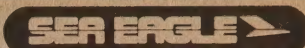
Almost imperceptibly the temperatures of the August nights begin to cool, a transformation which will alter the status of surf fishing. Weakfishing will usually fade to a point where further effort is fruitless but tackle-busting bluefish will start to show along many areas of the north shore. This bluefish action will be most notable where the Sound waters are influenced by a nearby inlet or harbor

mouth, for here is where the schools of bunker are most likely to seek safety. Again, the major portion of the better fishing occurs during the nighttime hours or in the period shortly after daybreak. Even though large swimming plugs such as the Atom 40 and the Super Strike swimmer will account for a share of the fish, many local anglers prefer to use chunks of bunker, freshly snagged, if at all possible. Where a distant cast is not necessary, usually in the inner harbor areas, the bunker chunk simply impaled on a 6/0 Siwash hook is slung into the water where it slowly settles to the bottom or is carried by an ebbing current into the desired area. Those anglers fishing the outer beaches are normally forced to employ the standard fish finder rig, with sinker.

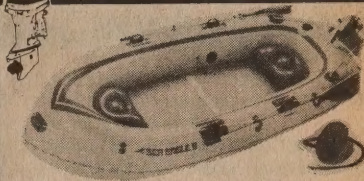
The end of the summer recess will most likely find those anglers fishing the ocean-side of the island casting small tins or popping plugs to the bountiful schools of small bluefish, which seem to converge on the major south shore inlet areas—an achievement which may not impress many veteran surfmen, but one which is a welcome experience for less demanding anglers and a perfect opportunity to introduce a beginner into the joys of surf casting.

The more selective surfman, if he is both persistent and patient, can usually come up with a few impressive striped bass while working the rock jetties and inlet shores from Breezy Point to Shinnecock. The major bridges of the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Parkways, which lead to Jones Beach, attract not only decent sized game fish but also a following of secretive and specialized anglers. The techniques used to take these fish and the manner in which access is achieved is best omitted here for much of this activity is illegal. Notable striped bass can also be taken from many exclusive points of land in the western Sound, but it seems that the average guy who just wants to put in a few hours fishing is confronted with many insurmountable obstacles. Therefore, the south shore inlets and beaches remain the most accessible. Patient bait fishermen may pick a cow-sized bass now and then from the ocean surf during their night-long vigils, their chances are greatly improved when a stiff southerly wind gives the normally placid summer surf a bit of character. It should also be noted that summer's end produces an abundance of snappers, a most excellent bait when seeking tide-running weakfish from such places as the Sore Thumb in Fire Island Inlet.

The summer months may not produce the wild, invigorating fishing usually associated with the fall run. It may also be a disappointment after the enthusiastic flush of the spring openers, but the weather is pleasant and the opportunities to catch meaningful game fish are plentiful if the angler is willing to make the effort to learn a change of strategy.



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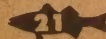
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FLUKIN' AT MATTITUCK

by Wally Powell

The time is rapidly approaching where we will soon be going fishing after a very tasty species that frequents Long Island Sound and the fish I am referring to is fluke, also known as summer flounder. The area that I like to fish for these tasty fillets is Mattituck Inlet. Mattituck is on the Long Island side of the Sound and its inlet is marked by can 3 on your navigational chart. The area to fish is just east of the inlet's breakwater in about 25 to 30 feet of water. This area starts to produce fluke anywhere from mid-June to around the third or fourth week of July. Last year around the dates of July 1st to 15th, the fluke seemed to be everywhere. This area does not produce monstrous fluke like the Montauk area, but five to six

pounders were in abundance at Mattituck last year.

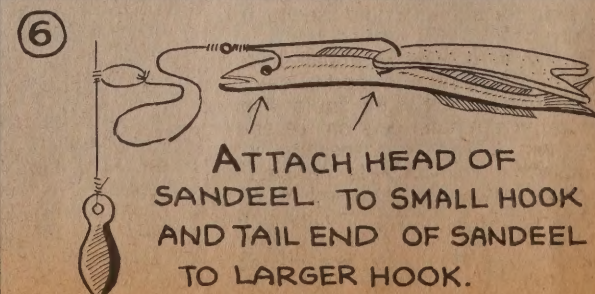
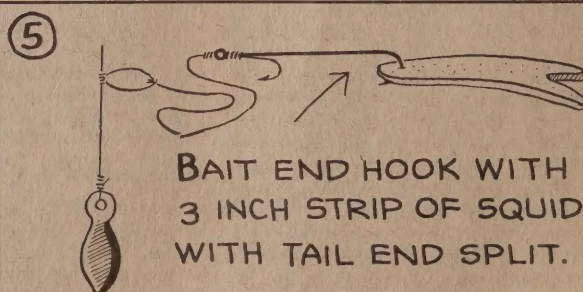
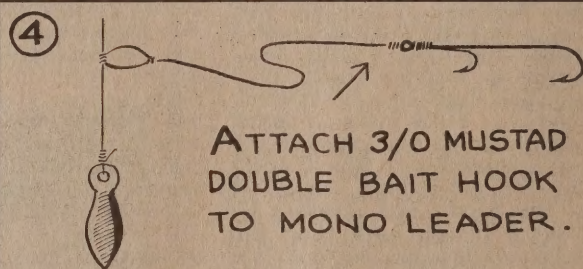
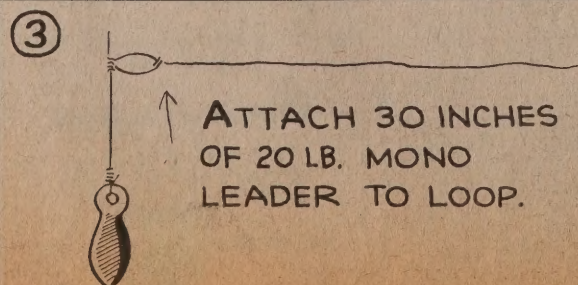
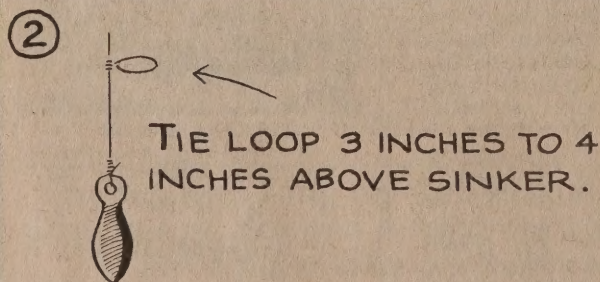
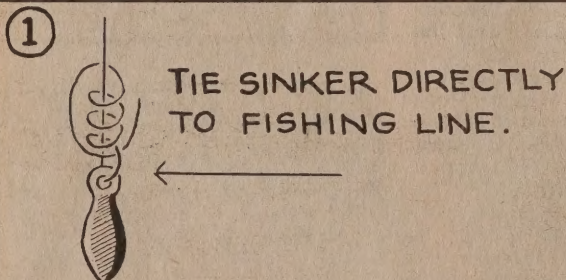
In trying to make a dent in the fluke population, the best way to go about it is to fish this area while drifting. By drifting you cover a lot more territory and thus, you should increase your catch. The bottom here is a relatively sandy one, with numerous little holes and dropoffs which seem to produce the bigger fluke as opposed to anchoring and just working a certain area around your anchorage. Also by drifting, if you hit a certain area that seems to produce, you can mark your spot with a fish marker over the side and you can come back and start another drift in approximately the same area that just produced.

The rods and reels that we use are

usually light spinning outfits, equipped with 650 and 750 Penns, and the use of Penn Jigmasters on appropriate light action rods. The use of light equipment makes the encounter with Mr. Fluke all that more exciting and sporting. The above outfits are equipped with 20 lb. mono (the same outfits we used on mackerel this season).

Now we come to what is attached to the ends of our lines. Anybody who has done any type of serious flukin' will no doubt have their own techniques and tactics as to how to fill the fish box. Depending on the area fished, different rigs, weights and bait will be used, as everyone has their own preferences. It is here that I would like to point out and it is only

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through my experiences, is first, the use of bait seems to outfish the use of small bucktails and jigs and secondly, using rigs set up without any hardware, far outfished rigs that had fluorescent beads, spinners, snaps, three-way swivels, etc. On all of our fluke excursions last year, the rigs with no hardware produced more fluke than the gaudy, disco type rigs which we also used. Don't get me wrong—I'm not an expert authority, both rigs produce, but I feel and kept a record last year, the rigs with no hardware seems to present the bait in a natural and realistic fashion to the fluke, that they received more hits, more fish and bigger fish than rigs with unneeded hardware. So this is a point you might want to remember and when you try fluking this year, try setting up poles with rigs with no hardware and rigs with hardware and keep track of the results.

Now to the setup of the rigs I prefer to fish with. Directly onto the end of your line tie on the appropriate sinker, which is usually 2 to 3 ounces in the depth of the water you are fishing and what the water conditions are that day. You want to be bouncing along the bottom as you drift. If you use too much weight you are going to lose the bouncing effect and your bait will lose the fluttering effect and action you want. Too much weight will hold bottom and one spot too long and when it does move, it will jump from spot to spot and your bait will not be presented naturally. It's a technique you'll get the hang of after a little experimenting.

Approximately three to four inches above your sinker, tie a loop. Now attach to this loop, a leader of about 30 inches in length of 20 lb. mono and tie on a 3/0 Double Bait Mustad Hook (Cat. #92586). This setup will now enable you to keep the baited hook three to four inches off the bottom, enabling you to give a free lunch to the fluke and not the crabs. Also, snags on various bottom artifacts should be just about non-existent. So now as you drift and your sinker is bouncing along, your bait will be fluttering as you bounce, all you need are those tasty fluke to hit your naturally presented baits. This now brings us to bait selection.

It has been my experience that the best bait(s) to use while fluke fishing, is the use of sand eels and strips of squid. We have used live chubs or mummies and also live snappers, but the sand eels and squid seem to produce best.

Usually if you buy your bait from your local bait shop, the sand eels will come frozen as well as the squid. It is best to put the sand eels on ice and keep them as frozen as possible, all fishing day long. Sand eels that catch too many rays or are exposed to too much heat, tend to get mushy and come apart, thus will not be on your hook very long when they are needed to be. On the way to the fluke grounds, thaw out your squid and cut into strips about three inches long and

split one end of the strip of squid, so when it is in the water, the squid will now have a natural fluttering effect.

Once you are ready to fish and bait up, this is where the double bait hook comes into action. First put your strip of squid on the end hook (larger). Now take the sand eel and hook his head on the front hook (smaller) and the tail end of the sand eel on the larger hook—now you're set.

Once you are ready to wet your baits, another thing you might like to try in increasing your catch, is chumming. Just as you would for flounder, take some mussels, crack them open and throw them in a chum pot or chum bag and lower over the side. It does work!

When fishing for fluke, don't put your rod in the rod holder and wait for the fluke to hit and set the hook himself; this is the lazy man's tactics and you miss all the fun. But instead hold your rod. With the use of light gear, you should feel most of the hits. When you do get a hit and go to set the hook, jerk your rod tip up into the air with a firm, fluid, steady lift. You don't have to suddenly yank the rod tip up and lift for the heavens as hard as you can; you'll lose more than you'll hook. Remember, fluke have a relatively soft mouth and yanking or jerking too hard will rip that hook right out. Fluke often hit lightly and tend to suck the bait up, rather than attack the bait in a vicious fashion. This is why the rod is best held by you

and not your rod holder.

Once you have set the hook, don't crank your reel like there's no tomorrow and try and horse your fish in. Enjoy the fight, take your time, a nice size fluke is a good scrapper and they do give a nice fight on light gear and this is the fun part of catching fluke. Remember fluke have soft mouths and sudden yanks and trying to horse these fish up from the bottom is not going to work, with the end result being lost fish.

Once you have your fish near the surface, keep him there. Don't try and hoist your fish over the gunnel and onto the deck. The use of a landing net here is worth its investment in fluke fillets. When your fish is near the surface, place the net behind the fish, tail end, and lift. Using this technique will boat about every fluke that is brought up to the surface.

So, in conclusion, fluke fishing is great sport especially for little kids as well as us big kids because when they are around, the chances are very good, you'll boat quite a few. If you are in the area of Mattituck Inlet try fishing here; it's an excellent spot.

Try my no hardware technique. It really produces! And remember the legal size for keeper fluke is 14 inches. Observe this important law. You won't need any small ones because there will be plenty of nice size keepers to be had if you devote the time, effort and try some of the techniques I have written about.



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GETTING INTO THE I.G.F.A. RECORD BOOK

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Getting into the record books may seem an insurmountable task to some. The authors tell how to make it a reality.

One evening last September as we were putting together weekly fishing reports, the skipper of the *Ever Ready*, Packy Collins, called. He was an excited man, and it wasn't because of the blackfish, flounder, bluefish or bass angling for which he's so well known back in Huntington. He'd just filed his first claim for an International Game Fish Association (IGFA) record for a 68 pound bluefin tuna in the 12 pound (6 kg) line class, a fish that he'd fought squarely to a standstill in less than 20 minutes. Packy had every right to be excited. His record was verified last winter and displaced one that had been set in 1981, breaking it by 2½ pounds.

Unfortunately, for every Packy Collins, there are many anglers who qualify as world record holders, but never get into the book because their claims cannot be verified. Although fulfilling the requirements for an IGFA world record is not all that hard, provided you're starting with a uniform line whose **maximum** strength at **any** point tests less than the ratings in one of some ten categories, preparations for setting a record are best made in advance, and attention to details is a must. It just isn't enough to gaff the catch of a lifetime, weigh it on local scales, which are calibrated, sealed and inspected, send a letter to the IGFA and wait for your certificate

to come by return mail!

Word came through the grapevine this spring about a frustrated expert who'd taken a huge 20¾ pound summer flounder off Gardiner's last summer. The august organization had refused to recognize the catch as a record. Apparently the angler had either failed to submit his record claim within 60 days of the date of the catch or he had failed to enclose leader, rig and 50 feet of main strand for testing and inspection. Had he done both, the doormat probably would have been a new men's world record in either the 8, 10, or 15 kg line classes (16, 20 or 30 lb.).

Anyone who seriously stalks re-



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cords should send a letter to the IGFA at 3000 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316-9987, and request the free 1984 Rule Book along with affidavit forms. Then if a trophy seems to qualify according to angling and equipment regulations—the most important of which are leader regs; e.g., "In all line classes up to 10 kg, the leader shall be limited to 15 feet. The combined length of double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet."—as well as regulations for hooks and lures, the affidavit should be filled out and a package should be prepared for the Association.

After you take your fish and weigh it, a call to the IGFA at (305) 467-0161 is in order to see if your catch is indeed larger than already accepted or pending records in a particular line class. Years ago, before carefully calibrated tournament lines were readily available, many pending records never made the book after line samples were tested. For example, you fished with so-called 8 or 10 pound test line and hoped, if you caught a potential record, that the sample you sent to the IGFA would consistently break under 12 pounds. Nowadays, most pending records seem to be taken on so-called "tournament" or "IGFA" lines, especially in the lower line classes, and the records usually do qualify.

If your catch looks like a record

breaker, you go ahead with your forms and your package. Remember that the IGFA lists are constantly revised and updated, so you want to avoid the frustration of doing all the paperwork only to find that you never had a record in the first place!

Scanning the record lists published in the annual **World Record Game Fishes**, obtainable from the Association for \$7.50 in 1983, you'll find what seems to be many vulnerable categories which are vacant or occupied by very small fish. Some of these are deceptive. Theoretically you should be able to lift a fish from the depths that weighs (in air) 5 to 10 times the breaking strength of your line, thanks to the buoyant forces discovered many centuries ago by Archimedes. But, try to tell a 10 pound tautog that is coming out of the rocks with only the pressure exerted by a gossamer strand testing 1 or 2 kg (2.2 or 4.4 pounds).

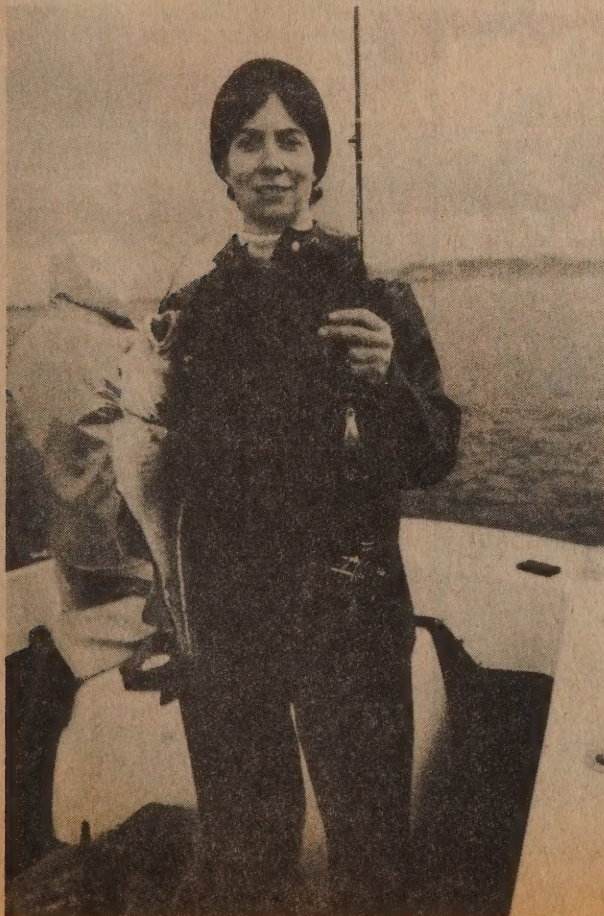
More than 15 years ago we fished the North Atlantic off Germany where one could jig school cod in less than 90 feet of water, so we diligently pursued the 12 pound women's line class record. We caught hundreds of cod in two years without difficulty, but we never came close to breaking the then existing record of about 15 pounds. Problem was that virtually all the cod we caught were small, with nothing over 10 pounds. To have a good shot

at a record, there are three prerequisites: situations in which the fish can be beaten on the tackle of choice; large enough schools of fish that you can afford to break off a few while testing your tackle; and fish that are large enough to break the records in the first place!

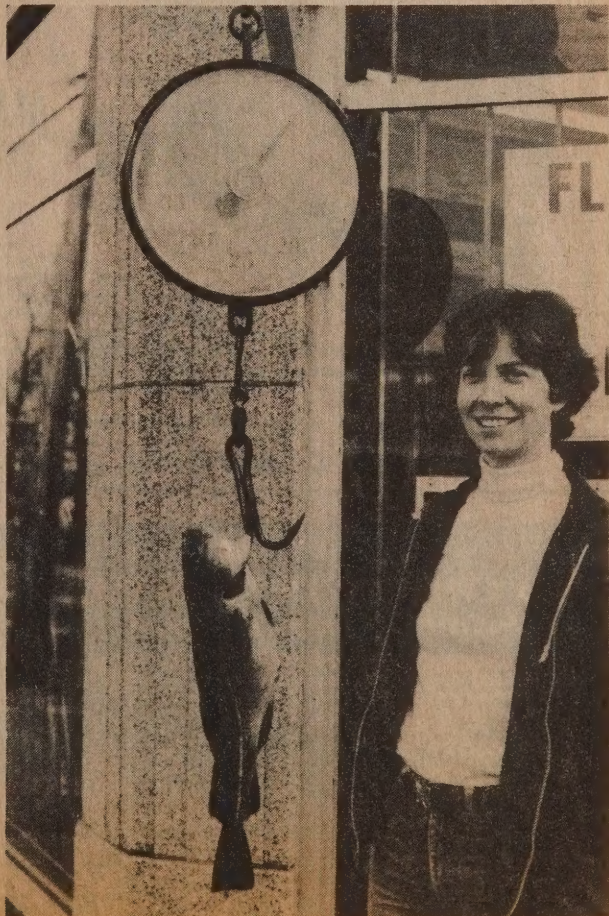
Exactly what do you send the Association when you wish to make a record claim? The packet consists first of 50 feet of coiled line plus leader and rig. An old chunk of styrofoam or a discarded plastic line spool makes a fine line holder. Include a photo or sketch of a plug or jig if one was used. Secondly, you'll enclose three or more clear photos (Polaroids are acceptable) showing full length of the fish, rod and reel used, and scales used to weigh the fish. One photo of the angler with the catch should be included, too. Finally, you include the duly witnessed and notarized affidavit along with a short cover letter that describes the circumstances of the catch. The fate of your record claim should be decided in approximately four to six months.

It's a good idea to hold onto that fish until you are sure that the photos turn out to be clear ones and that the catch was weighed on the best scales available. One month ago, we boated a cod on 2 kg gear that seemed to beat the women's mark of 4-12 when

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weighed on a spring scale with 1/4 pound indicators. However, the weighmaster in Massachusetts where Jan caught the fish, refused to interpolate and would only certify the fish at the lower of two scale marks, namely at 4-12. Finally, many hours later we got the fish (which had been wrapped and iced) onto two digital butcher's scales near our home. On these accurate scales, which read to +0.01 pounds, the cod was 4.98 and 4.99 pounds, respectively. Thus, at 4-15, it was clearly 3 ounces more than the existing record!

Packy Collins' 68 pound bluefin had an interesting history as well. It had to be retrieved from a tank of brine some 12 hours after it had been weighed in order to get the required photographs!

An honor system is the basis for all IGFA records, and this has always been a subject of contention for record holders. Affidavit forms do require the signature of notary and weighmaster, plus, if possible, the names of two witnesses to the catch plus one other witness to the weighing, but an unscrupulous angler can always find ways to cheat if witnesses will cover for him or her. Why not purchase a huge fish from a commercial fisherman and then have it certified as your own? Why not take the largest fish from the fish box and weigh that one as your record? How about stuffing a fish's mouth with extra bunker from the live well or slipping a few sinkers down the gullet of a large fish prior to weighing?

More subtle ways can be used to circumvent the rules. After all, in many cases with big game fishes and sharks, a dishonest skipper can back down fast on a big surface fish just after it's swallowed a leadered bait and before it knows what has happened. Then the crew grabs a leader, sinks a gaff and hangs on for dear life until the subdued fish can be hauled aboard for a spectacular record.

With one line manufacturer offering substantial cash prizes for those who shatter world records with its product, it is a matter of genuine concern whether more violations of the honor system will show up. Despite the scrutiny of the IGFA, such records, once posted, seem hard to disprove or disqualify, and they may stay on the books for a long time.

Nevertheless, the vast majority of anglers are honest sports persons who will continue to play the game strictly by the rules. Record holders we've known personally have felt amply rewarded by the IGFA certificate, patch and pin that are available with membership into the elite club of world record holders. Because catching a record is so satisfying and because the fish itself may be the catch of a lifetime, one doesn't need to seek cash prizes or publicity. Indeed the work you put in between the time you boat your record and submit everything to the IGFA is well worth it!

BIG FISH REPORTS

BY FRED
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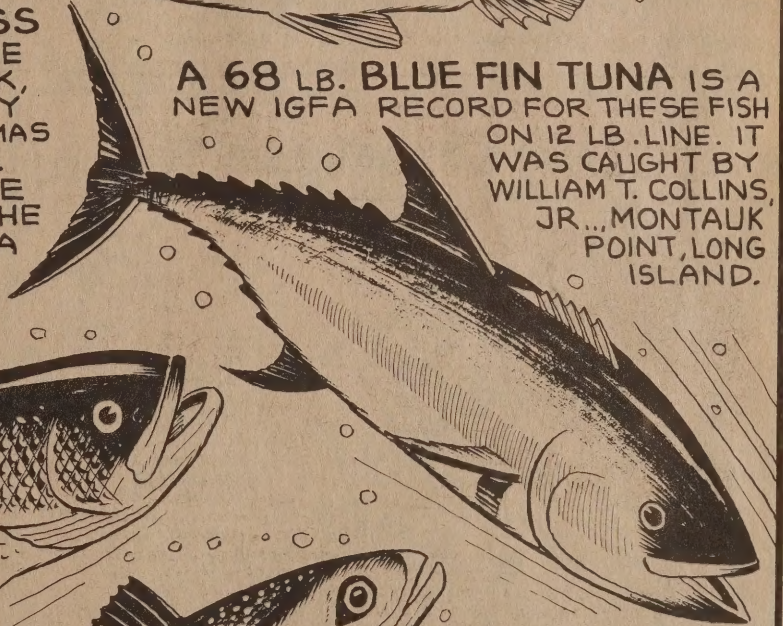
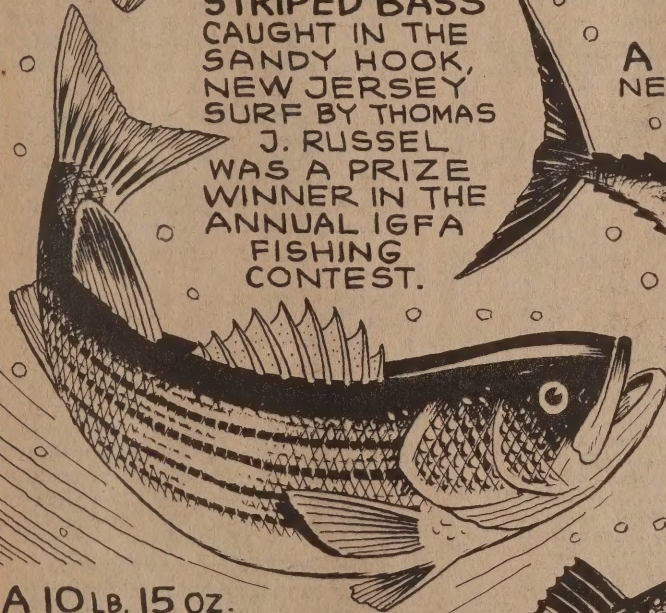
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by Bill Smith

By this time every year, sinker bouncers have had their fill of flounder and everyone has fluke on the brain.

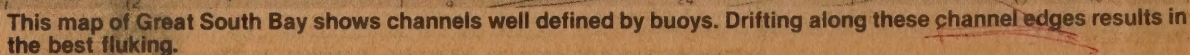
What I will try to point out in this article are a few basic, but important items so as to maybe make a difference between coming home with a few fluke in the ice chest or coming home with a chest full of them.

Let's get one thing down about fluke that is the most basic and most

important. Fluke are known for picking up bait in their mouths and holding it. If no resistance is felt and the fluke thinks the bait is incapable of escaping, the fish will begin to swallow it. It is when resistance is felt that they will often tend to drop it, so it is of the utmost importance that you be capable of detecting this "pick-up." A technique known as the "dropback" is used to alleviate any resistance. To accomplish this, one

must have a rod with a light tip so that the slightest change or tap on the line will be felt. Another side benefit of light tackle, since the average fluke runs only about a couple of pounds, is the lively action one will derive from using it.

My personal preference in hook selection is the English style wide gap hook 2/0 or 3/0. I prefer this hook because of its wide gap design which results in more hook-ups. Also, I have



found that for some reason fluke have been attracted to the gold color hook in far more instances than they were to silver or bronze colored hooks. So, keep this color preference in mind when selecting your fluke hooks.

One other thing to remember to aid one's-self in helping cut down on the resistance when a fluke is picking up the bait, is to use a fish finder rig. With this rig, the line goes through the fish finder rig and the fish feels little or no resistance from your weight when it picks up your bait.

Fluke are voracious feeders and there are a wide variety of baits one can use in enticing them. My favorite is live killies and for some very good reasons. They give a good presentation and they are an easy baitfish to keep alive. When drifting, the killie should be hooked lightly through both lips so that he is capable of swimming freely and will stay alive as long as possible. One can also add in combo with the killie, fluke belly strips, sea robin strips and squid strips. These strip baits are great fluke attractors. The most important thing to remember when using strips is to cut them long and thin. Pennant-shaped strips about one-half inch wide and three to four inches long are just too tempting for any fluke to pass up. Sand eels are also high on the bait list, especially if there are a lot in the area and are making up the bulk of the fluke's diet. The best way to hook them is straight through the eyes.

I'm sure many of you have used bucktails at one time or another and they happen to be very productive when it comes to fluke fishing if they are used correctly. First, I recommend a bucktail with white hair, along with a piece of fluke belly or squid to enhance it. Bucktails work if and only if, the bucktail is as close to the bottom as possible. You can achieve this by retrieving it back to you very, very slowly. Remember that fluke like plenty of movement on their food, which in my observations probably indicates their fondness for live bait. Keep in mind, very often where fluke are concerned, the bigger the bait, the larger the fish.

There are several methods of fishing for fluke, with my preference for drifting. Occasional lifts and dips of the rod tip will vary the action on your rig. Also, use just enough weight to keep your bait bouncing along the bottom. While drifting, the best approach is to work the edges of a channel, not down the middle as many people tend to do. Use the buoys as a guide for finding the edges of channels. Remember, no matter what tide you're fishing, always fish along the length of the channel edge rather than across the width. If wind and tide conditions don't allow it, try trolling slowly along the channel edge.

Well, I've shared with you some of the techniques that I know work for me. Combined with some of your own preferences, I hope you'll be able to go out and make this fluke season a memorable one.

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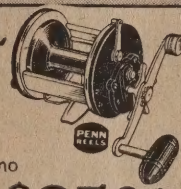
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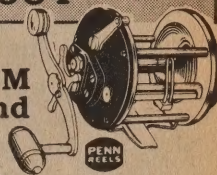
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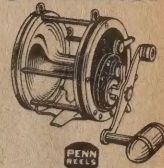
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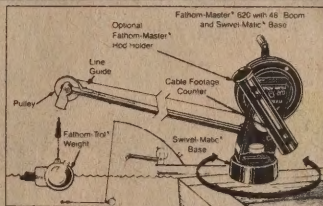
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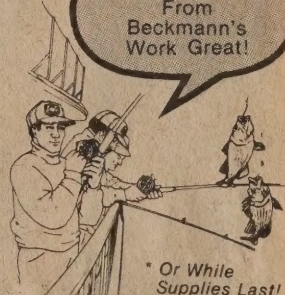
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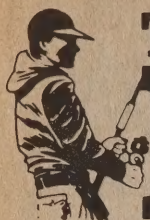
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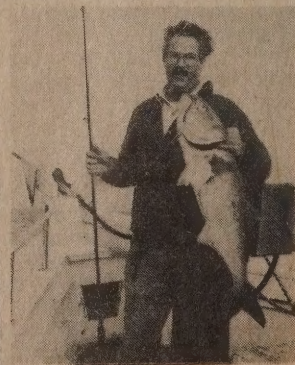
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NOCTURNAL LARGEMOUTHS

by Carl Buxbaum

Freshwater bassmen who prowl the Island's lakes and ponds between dusk and dawn are well rewarded for their efforts.

I always worry about spooking fish, but now I was spooked. Everything looked so different at night. I thought I knew the lake as well as my own home—having fished it at least 50 times over the years. Still, where was that choice spot—the place where I once caught a six pounder? Never before realized how important it was to see the long point of land in order to orient myself. Maybe that's it, in the left, about where it should be. Someone must've moved it, though. It was too close. Strange, I began to miss the windsurfers and boaters. They were so annoying during the day. It was awfully quiet, except for a few weird sounds. I wished the fisherman who pulled his boat out as mine was slipped into the water, had hung around. A big butterfly darted overhead. I never saw a butterfly at night. Damn. It's a bat. No, a lot of bats. Well, better not get too far from shore—just in case. Would I be able to find the launching site again? I decided to work the shallows to the right. Then, all I'd have to do was turn around and hug the shoreline on the way back. The plan eased a growing fear of having to wait for morning to find my way home. Closer to shore there were even more odd noises. Owls? Raccoons? "Stop the foolishness and fish," I told myself. "There just aren't any alligators this far north." I smeared on an insect repellent that was touted to work against anything and made the first cast. The big, black Jitterbug sailed off but never splashed down. I caught my first tree of the night.

This early adventure in going for largemouth bass after dark was a few years ago, and with experience, I have become somewhat less of a wimp. Nonetheless, I still feel handicapped by being unable to see the line and continue to catch trees. Also, I have come to suspect that much of what is said about night bassing is only half true.

As the story goes, largemouths, especially the lunkers, become more secure under a blanket of darkness and move into the shallows to feed aggressively. In midsummer, the surface water temperature declines a bit after sundown and this, too, supposedly improves fishing. Some famous fishermen insist that the best chance of catching a trophy is after the regular daytime activity on a body of water has ended—no more fast moving boats and splashing bathers.



Spinnerbaits, worked at a crawl, have provided the author with some good nighttime action.

to put fish down. In addition, it is said that topwater plugs, especially in black, are best then and anglers enthusiastically talk about the experience of hearing the splash of a huge fish making an invisible surface assault. Frankly, since largemouths aren't really nocturnal feeders, like brown trout or some saltwater species, I was never taken with the idea of pursuing them at night. I'd been doing fairly well in daylight, even with big fish, on waters I knew well. During blistering heat waves, however, there is little pleasure in feeling

my flesh slowly roasting under the sun—no matter how much I want to fish. For me, therefore, night fishing now has more to do with personal comfort than bass.

Following the prescribed methods for night fishing, at first, this is what I learned. As expected, more fish were taken on topwater plugs near shore than would be had during a summer day, and the fish sounded huge when they splashed to hit lures. At the boat, however, they didn't seem particularly big; rather run-of-the-mill, in

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fact. Numbers of hefty bass don't seem to move into the shallows at night. Instead, the fish that hold in shoreline cover all along may simply become bolder, more aggressive feeders. So, where were the lunkers? After considerable searching and experimentation, I found them to be in the same spots, by and large, they were in during the day. Usually, this was in or near submerged cover in 6 to 15 feet of water. Recent studies of bass behavior seem to indicate that my experience should not be viewed as unique. Except when spawning, largemouths appear not to migrate very far from their home range. There is probably enough forage nearby to keep them content and, therefore, little reason to roam the shallows in search of food. To get big bass at night, first locate their haunts during the day. Get a fix on some landmarks that may be visible after sunset and hope you can find the spots in the dark. A bright moon helps.

Was it easier to catch these bigger fish after dark? The answer is a qualified yes. The fish seemed less wary in the quiet night water. They may also find it harder to detect the phoniness of most lures in the dark and grab them more readily. Just as during the day, though, they seem to feed in spurts. The water may appear dead. Then, all of a sudden, two or three good bass hit on consecutive casts before the water goes dead again. These activity periods are more predictable than during the day, and this factor may be the key advantage to dragging yourself around a lake on spooky nights. Apparently, there are two periods of peak activity. The first occurs right after sunset, while the sky still glows with the fading remnants of daylight, and lasts for about an hour after darkness grabs hold. The most reliable activity period comes much later. I'm convinced that the best shot at a lunker occurs from about two hours before sunrise through the first hour of pinkish daylight.

What about those topwater plugs? Is there magic in big, black Jitterbugs and poppers? No. They produce fish near shore but any color will do. I suspected that noise and wake were the factors that induced bass to strike these plugs. Therefore, color was not important since the fish didn't have to see the lure itself. Experiment with a slow, steadily retrieved Rapala, running an inch or so below the surface, proved just as effective. Again, color didn't seem to matter. Where does that leave us? The Rapala didn't make noise, nor did it leave a wake. It may simply be that largemouths see the silhouette of any plug overhead, regardless of color or action. When it comes to fishing the lunker haunts, it seems that fish will only rarely rise for surface lures where the water is deeper than five feet.

The really big surprise was that oversized, skirted spinnerbaits and long plastic worms, the daytime favorites were still best. Shallow or

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deep, they took the most fish and nearly every one over, say three pounds. For lures running below the surface, color was very important. Black was the hot one by a great margin. At night, you have to slow down the retrieve of spinnerbaits to the point where the throbbing of the blade is hardly felt. If the blade stops vibrating, set the hook.

The biggest fish were taken on slow moving 8 or 9 inch black plastic worms. But these can be troublesome in the dark. For each fish hooked, there were probably five or more strikes. When you can't watch the line for signs of a pick-up, it's next to impossible to distinguish between a fish and bottom structure or weeds playing against the worm. There's a tendency for the angler to vacillate between never setting the hook and nailing every log, rock, or old shoe on the bottom. Experiments with leaving the hook point exposed, rather than buried in the worm, resulted in unending snags. I had hoped, instead, that bass would hook themselves more easily. Now I'm resigned to catching only those fish that do hook themselves, those that transmit the classic double tap through the line and those that run powerfully to one side or the other on the pickup. All others, who mouth the bait more gently, go free. When I get fed up with an unusually great proportion of misses, that I know of, spinnerbaits become the choice lures.

You'll miss not seeing the line even more once you connect with a good fish. Without the line to lead the eye to the fish, it's difficult to tell where it is or where it's heading. A few fish, particularly the bigger ones, will find their way to cover and bury themselves, before the angler has a chance to turn them. It may pay to go to heavier line and a tighter drag than you would ordinarily use, and hang tough on every fish under the assumption that it is about to foul the line in thick cover. When one jumps, and can't be seen, the fisherman loses all sense of connection with the bass. Smaller ones seem to jump most, and the line tends to feel slack throughout the fight. I've found myself reeling furiously until the lure slapped against the rod tip or the fish was flipped into or over the boat. A somewhat better feel for a strike or a fish on the line can be attained by restricting yourself to only short casts.

The temptation to turn on a bright flashlight or lantern to land a fish is great. But this is not recommended. Although fish seem to accommodate to a fixed, steady light in their environment, their eyes react to a flash of light as do the eyes of humans. Their vision becomes impaired, and it takes time for the eyes to readjust. The problem here is not with a fish on the line; rather, it's with the possibility of spooking or temporarily blinding the next fish you might have caught. In general, it is

wise to use artificial light as infrequently as possible. When absolutely necessary, to tie a knot or unhook a fish, use a small light, and point it away from the water.

In addition to being dark, it is very quiet on a lake at night. I have come to believe that the successful angler respects that part of the setting as much as the darkness. Any sound stands out against a backdrop of silence. The voices of fishermen conversing will probably not penetrate into the water. But the sound of a paddle dropped to the bottom of a boat, or the splash of a carelessly tossed anchor, can reverberate explosively. I don't know with certainty that largemouths are spooked more easily at night; maybe only anglers are. It just seems to make sense that the fisherman should not stand out as a threat. He should proceed as quietly and unobtrusively as possible.

In conclusion, night bassing is good. It's fun. It's strange. In time, the fisherman learns to handle his tackle and find his way fairly well in the dark. More fish will be taken on topwater plugs than is ordinarily thought possible, and there is an edge on landing a real lunker or two on plastic worms or spinnerbaits. This fishing, however, at least in this part of the country, is not nearly as fantastic as many would have you believe. But it's a great way to fish through uncomfortable midsummer heat waves.

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A SALTWATER FLY ROD APPROACH

by Ken Gerhardt

To most people the thought of using a fly rod in the salt boggles the mind. Everyone knows that the fly rod is a tool of the delicate presentation and is used to subdue fish usually under a pound in freshwater. Nothing is further from the truth. Actually a fly rod will whip a weak (squet), bluefish or striper faster than a medium spinning or conventional tackle (15# test). It will also allow you to land many more fish than you would with normal gear. Tarpon well over 100# have been taken on a fly rod as well as white marlin. Those, however, are special cases with special techniques. We will cover only the **casting** of a fly or popper to blues, weaks or bass.

I have pared my fly and bug arsenal down to three or four simple patterns that are easy to tie and are fished in specific ways. But enough rambling. Let's explore the balanced saltwater fly rod system. First of all, the rod should be between 8½ and 9½ feet long. Smaller, less powerful guys would be more comfortable with the shorter rod. If you expect to catch a lot

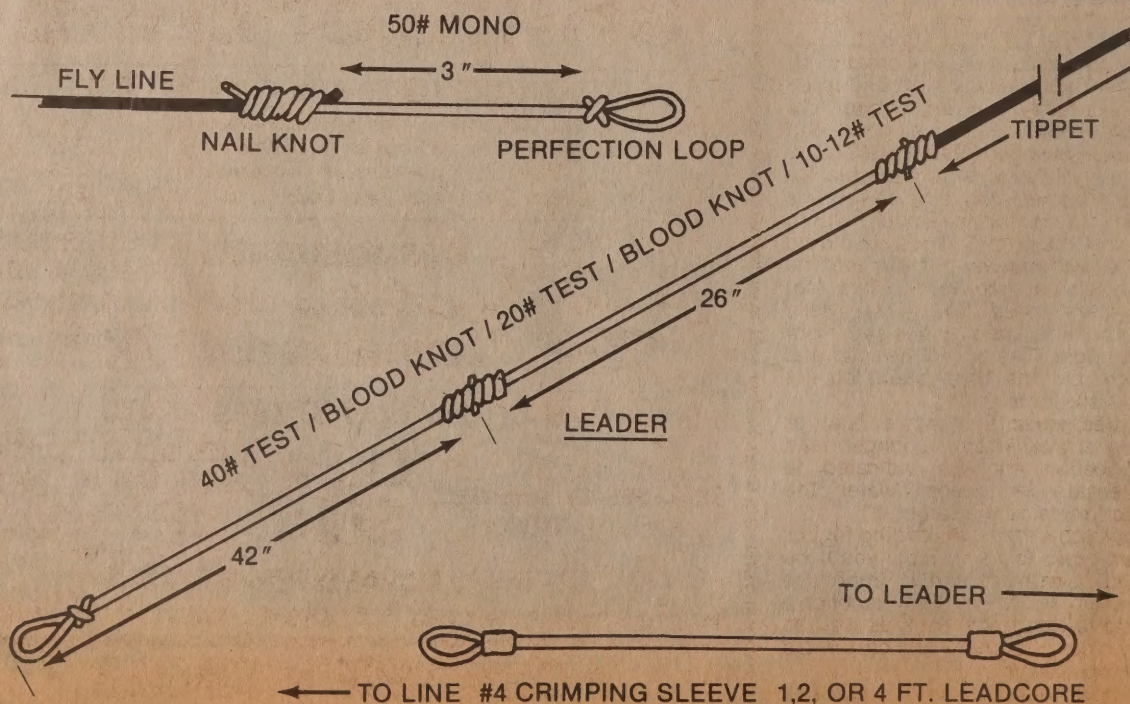
of blues make sure you have an extension butt on your rod. The line size (power of the rod) should be #9. This is an important consideration overlooked by most. More about line weight later. The reel is your choice, from a Medaust to a Fin-Nor or Seamaster. Make sure it has the capacity for 100 yards of 20# dacron and a #9 weight forward line (or a saltwater taper). The line should be a floating type and **if your rod is calibrated for #9, the line should be #8**. No, it's not a typo; the line should be one size smaller than the rod's power.

Now, before everyone gets upset, some explanation is necessary. First the weight. Inasmuch as we'll be chasing blues, weaks or hopefully bass, the flies we'll be using will be 3/0 or 4/0. Now, if we look at the AFTMA weights (in grains) for various line sizes, we see a #8 is rated at 220 grains. A #9 is rated at 245 grains. A difference of 25 grains. If one weighs a 3/0 stainless steel hook, it weighs some 20 grains. So now the difference in line weights becomes

understandable.

As far as a floating line goes, if one is to use poppers (probably the most exciting way to fly fish) a sinking line will pull the popper under. A sinking line is an abomination to pick up and cast. A sink tip does not do the job as it is calibrated to sink in freshwater. Saltwater is denser than freshwater, so sink tips usually float. To get around this law of physics, a simple solution was found. A short section of lead core line was inserted between the leader and line tip. This sinks the floating line like a rock and does not change the casting characteristics very much.

Next is the leader. In freshwater the need for delicacy is well known. Fish inhabit thin water and are spooky—not so in the salt. The leader's sole function in saltwater is to turn over the fly or popper. Needless to say, the leader must possess some power to turn over a fly or popper weighing upwards of 20 grains. (A #10 trout fly weighs under one grain.) Al McClane's formula for



saltwater fly leader is still valid today. Sixty percent butt, 40 percent tippet. A good leader is 40#, 42 inches long and 24 inches of 20# test leader material. A foot of 10# or whatever is added to the leader as a tippet. Wire can be used for alligators.

Bluefish are fished in a different manner than either bass or squet. I usually only fish to broaching bluefish, not blind. First we'll use a popper. Cast to the last break. Try to keep your casts to around 40 or 50 feet. Pop the bug, but try not to retrieve. Keep popping in same general area. If a hit comes and you miss it, you can pick the bug up and recast without a false cast. Make sure you carry the line between your right index finger and the rod's grip. Next we'll use a bucktail type fly to breaking fish. Once again, peel off no more line than you can comfortably handle without a false casting (40 to 50 feet is a good number). Cast the fly towards the breaking fish. As soon as it hits the water, catch the line under the right index finger and grasp the line with the left hand. The rod should be parallel with the water at this point. The left hand now starts to pull the line in and the right hand performs like it is making a pick-up at the same time. What we've described is the fly ripping through the water. If a hit is forthcoming it will usually occur halfway through the retrieve. If no hit, the fly comes wailing out of the water and up to make a perfect back cast. Push the rod forward and recast with no fuss or loss of time. If too much line is out a false cast or two is necessary. It has been my experience that the super-fast retrieve is necessary to consistently catch bluefish on a bucktail fly.

Bass and weakfish are fished pretty much the same way for either. Usually I fish for them blind; that is, no visible breaks. I wade a great deal, so water depth is usually around three feet. I usually put on a one foot section of lead core to get down and use a splay-winged white fly 3/0. Cast whatever distance is comfortable for you and immediately pick up the line under your right index finger holding it against the grip. The rod should be parallel with the water. With the line in the left hand retrieve in one foot jerks (vary speed if no hits). Make sure the line stays under the right index finger. The hit will be solid and sudden. Let the fish go and do not fight with the left hand.

In deeper water, from a boat or fishing a tidal drain, a longer lead core section may be indicated to compensate for deeper water the method remains the same.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Strong winds the last part of the weekend put a lid on many fishing plans. However, those who did venture offshore on Saturday and earlier in the week were rewarded with large sharks. Inshore, flounder of good size are holding at the Point in numbers, while fluke, porgy and blues are building.

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Captain Fred Bird reports that the **Flying Cloud** is into very good fluking on his half day trips and waiting for the porgies to school up to his satisfaction. Captain Dusty is keeping his eye on the porgy situation and will be in full operation on the **Little Bear** in a couple of weeks.

The last George's Banks trip was excellent, with the pool fish—worth \$1,000, caught by Alan Donadro of Lynbrook, 54 lbs.; Harvey Minkoff of Lawrence, NJ took second place pool with a 51 lb. cod on the **Starship**.



Matt Billerman of Riverhead caught this 45 lb. halibut on a George's Bank trip aboard the "Viking Starship."

Among many codfish, haddock and a few wolffish rounded out the trip. Captain Forsberg reports that fluking was spotty in the Rips this week, however, a reminder that he is readying up the **Starlite** for Noman's

Land porgy fishing. Call him for the date of the first trips. Coxes Ledge codfishing was spotty, probably due to bad weather during the week. The **Starship** will begin its night bluefish trips Friday at 7PM when Capt. Mike Bock plans to fish big blues at Cartwright.

Because the fluking has been hot, Captain Richie Rade will start all day fluke trips beginning Sunday 7AM—just a short ride to the North Rips. He will start the **Marlin IV** night blue-fishing trips on Friday, June 29, 7PM.

Mrs. Charlotte Uilein excitedly told me about good catches of fluke at Gin Beach, nice size fish with only a few shorts. Porgies, some to 4 lbs. were taken at Great Eastern on rental boats at Uihlein's.

Joan of Captain's Cove Marina, claims that porgy action remained constant at Great Eastern with clam bait-clam belly chum the key to success. Flounder remain fair at the Point. Bob Lombardi and his family fished on Little Miss Lisa at Shagwong for a catch of nice fluke to 5 lbs. Sunday morning. Shark action was good the past week with significant catches of mako, some thresher, lots of blue and brown shark. Captain Paul Stern tangled with a tiger shark, along with blue and brown sharks on the **Tuna Tangler**. Captain Passie boated a 345 lb. mako on Saturday on **Windy**; while Captain Chuck Mallinson's mako on the **Joy-Sea** caught on Thursday, weighed 269 lbs.

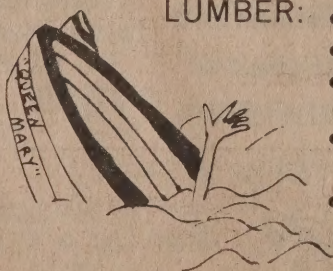
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Maureen Sennfelder at **Gone Fishing Marina** expects bluefish to come in hot and heavy since acres of bait are holding in the area. Inshore fishing is steady; 30 flounder to 3½ lbs. were caught at the Light in 22 feet of water on the J-B. Tiderunner picked up 50 fluke to 4 lbs. at Gin Beach, while some fishermen had fluke at North Rip. Captain Bill Ricca jigged blues at Block Island along with small pollock on **Alyssa Ann**. Mackerel are still holding south of Block. Lots of blue sharks were found by the Compromise, fishing 33 miles south of the Point.

Captain John DeMaio expects weakfish to come into the area very soon, if the loads of bait around the point are any indication and has the **Vivienne** ready for action.

A party led by Roy Edwards jigged 300 mackerel at Block Island on the **Julie III** on Saturday, while on Sunday, Captain Ron Grandinetti located porgies to 3 lbs. (175 fish); 46 flounder to 3½ lbs. and 17 sea bass to 3 lbs. fishing at the Point with Paul Samengetti.

Edelman's Lou Rosado took John Lowe for his first shark trip to 210 feet E/SE of Montauk Saturday, where in 63 degree water one large mako was lost, a second caught taking 1 hr. and 40 mins. to bring to gaff on the **Bullet**. The fish weighed 369 lbs.

In mid-week, Captain Jay Rignano treated Chris, a mate on **Freeport's** **Starstream** to a chance of pace trip on the **Lori-Jay**. After loosing a large mako, the second hookup was brought to gaff, the fish weighing 213 lbs. Chris handled the rod on both fish.

Captain Phil Lewis fished close to the Butterfish Hole where, on Saturday, Harold Elsis brought in a 396 lb. mako which "fought like a gladiator" for two hours. On Sunday, the picture on the **Adios** changed, when the only sharks hooked were browns and



The Nick Mura party topped off a catch of 29 big cod with this 57 pounder. They fished aboard the Montauk based charter boat, "Vivienne."

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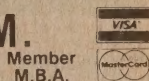
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Vincent Sombratto displays fluke of 5½ and 7½ lbs. that he caught along with a pair of 10½ lb. weaks at buoy 14 in Noyac Bay. The fish were checked in at Noyac Marina.

blues. A mid-week charter with two men produced 50 very large ocean blues.

SOUTH FORK

A catch of 100 porgies mixed with some blues, blacks and sea bass was made at Jessup's Neck (Buoy 17) on Saturday by the Tu family fishing from **Noyac Marina**. According to Helen Jorgensen, Cheng, Jenny and Dee-Dee Tu used sand worms as bait on the rental boat. On Sunday, Cheng, Mei-Yum and Dee-Dee Tu returned, but probably due to the winds their catch was less than the first trip.

Chris from **Bayview Fishing Station** in Sag Harbor confirmed blues at Jessup's at buoy 17 and also at buoy 12 (Paradise Point). The fish were taken trolling and also on diamond jigs. Porgies were spotty with some fishermen catching several dozen. Chris heard about a few fluke at the Ruins at Gardiner's Island. There are a few reports of small striped bass and small weakfish in local waters.

Captain Artie Lach found smaller fluke at Gardiner's Island, compared with Horton's Point. However, Norm Peters of Bayport won the pool with a 5 lb. 6 oz. fish on Wednesday. On Sunday, the **Wilhelric** fished a special fluke trip to Horton's Point in the Sound where the fish were larger—3 to 5 lb. class, the pool fish weighing 8 lbs. Captain Lach has scheduled another special Horton's fluke trip for Sunday, July 15 and will leave at 6AM. Reservations and a \$20 deposit are required. On Thursday night, a

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charter for Southampton PBA on the **Wilhelric** connected with 40 weakfish to 6 lbs. and 100 bluefish, fishing squid on the bottom at Jessup's. This catch has prompted Captain Lach to schedule a night weakfish trip Saturday night at 7PM.

I fished Jessup's a week ago with friends Bill Bassler of West Islip, 13-year-old Peter DiMaria and his father of Selden, for blues. Despite a very hot and muggy day, we and about 30 other boats, were knee deep in blues in the 2 to 4 lb. range. All fish were taken on diamond jigs.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** also commented about the bluefish at Jessup's Neck, but pointed out that a school of blues seems to be holding at the South Race and also south of the Shinnecock Canal. Fluke have been building in the E. Channel in Shinnecock Bay and also near the Ponquogue Bridge (buoys 19 and 20). Flounder can still be caught in the Basket. Thom remarked that porgies seem to be building in the Peconics and are showing up at Gardiner's

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Island as well, although on the small side there.

Although there are lots of short fluke in the Shinnecock Bay, fishermen on rental boats returned to **Corr's Fishing Station** in Hampton Bays with buckets of fluke according to Pete Hardy. Numerous fluke were taken opposite the Basket with larger fish on the west side of the Inlet. The fluke are averaging in the 2-4 lb. range, although a 5 lb. fluke was taken right in front of the fishing station by Mack of Hampton Bays. Flounder appear to have slowed this week. Bluefish, with the best action in the morning continue to be caught by the cooler full at the Ponquogue Bridge.

Captain Ken Malone had a successful Saturday offshore wreck trip on the **Jenny Rose**. Two drops produced 225 sea bass weighing to 3 lbs., 150 ling with some blackfish and sea flounder. Tony Sergio and Friend Tom Baradet from College Point together caught 31 sea bass, while Tony won the pool. Captain Ken

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fished the Peconics on Sunday, finding some small blackfish, medium size porgies and a surprise catch of very large kingfish, the first reported this season.

Captain Fred was happy to report the *Sea Mist's* first mako caught in 200 feet of water south of Shinnecock. Captain Fred remarked that bluefish seem to be solid out to this depth and caught a cooler full of large blues while sharking.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Inshore fishing continues to be dominated by fluke through much of the area. Bluefish have been around both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets but no great numbers of fish seem to be settled into the area. The bigger choppers remain well off the beach where they have been wreaking havoc with shark baits. Speaking of sharks, it was another disappointing weekend as anglers had to run a long way off the beach under some rough conditions to get to where they had a shot at a mako.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Good fluking this week between buoys 35 and 39 according to Gary Grunseich at Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches. Best fluking



Joseph Ivans and Helmuth Rich with a nice batch of fluke taken in Moriches Bay's Hart's Cove. The pair fished out of Silly Lilly Fishing Station in E. Moriches

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . -0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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THURS.	8:00	8:15	8:45	9:05	8:35	8:45	9:30	9:35	11:25	11:25	11:25	11:35	7:55	8:15	6/28
FRI.	8:45	9:00	9:30	9:50	9:25	9:30	10:20	10:25	—	12:10	—	12:10	8:40	9:00	6/29
SAT.	9:35	9:45	10:20	10:40	10:15	10:25	11:05	11:10	12:10	12:55	12:20	1:00	9:30	9:50	6/30
SUN.	10:25	10:35	11:10	11:30	11:10	11:20	11:55	12:05	1:00	1:45	1:10	1:50	10:20	10:40	7/1
MON.	11:25	11:30	—	12:00	—	12:05	—	12:50	1:55	2:35	2:00	2:40	11:10	11:30	7/2
TUES.	—	12:20	12:20	12:55	12:15	1:00	1:00	1:45	2:45	3:30	2:55	3:30	—	12:05	7/3
WED.	12:25	1:15	1:15	1:50	1:10	1:55	2:00	2:45	3:45	4:30	3:55	4:30	12:25	1:05	7/4
THURS.	1:25	2:10	2:10	2:50	2:05	2:45	3:00	3:45	4:50	5:40	4:55	5:25	1:25	2:00	7/5

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ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
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MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
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Grassy Bay	+1 08
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Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
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Smith's Point	+3 28
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Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
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Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
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Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
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South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
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Greenwich	+0 02

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New Suffolk	+2 26
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Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
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Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

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Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
Dauids Island	-0 02

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East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
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Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

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Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/28	5:27	8:40
FRI. 6/29	5:27	8:40
SAT. 6/30	5:27	8:40
SUN. 7/1	5:28	8:40
MON. 7/2	5:28	8:39
TUE. 7/3	5:29	8:39
WED. 7/4	5:29	8:39

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/28	4:41AM	8:31PM
FRI. 6/29	5:37AM	9:29PM
SAT. 6/30	6:43AM	10:19PM
SUN. 7/1	7:56AM	11:01PM
MON. 7/2	9:11AM	11:35PM
TUE. 7/3	10:26AM	—
WED. 7/4	10:40AM	12:05PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
			
6/29	6/6	6/13	6/21

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:50	11:00	5:10	11:30
Fri.	5:45	11:55	6:05	—
Sat.	6:40	12:25	7:20	1:05
Sun.	7:45	1:35	8:20	2:05
Mon.	8:50	2:40	9:25	3:10
Tues.	9:50	3:40	10:25	4:05
Wed.	10:45	4:35	11:15	5:00
Thurs.	11:40	5:30	—	5:55

has been on the last half of the flood and the first of the ebb with spearing and squid appearing to have an edge in the bait department. Gary said that while a ratio of shorts to keepers is 3 or 4 to 1, there have been some nice fish to 5 pounds mixed in. On Wednesday, Pete Carey, Joe Salamone and Sal Diadema took 30 keepers up to 5 pounds on spearing and squid. Still a lot of flounder in the deeper water around buoys 35 and 36 and also in the hole south of buoy 33. On Saturday morning, Kevin, Sean, Tom and Tom Jr. Donnelly returned to the station with over 100 flounder. Replenishing their bait supply, the set out in the afternoon and returned with 25 keeper fluke. Gary reminded that there are plenty of small blues roaming the bay so that its a good idea to carry along a spinning rod rigged with a small Hopkin's or Kastmaster should the fish pop up nearby.

Nick Castoro of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** dittoed Gary's report of plenty of fluke action. He named buoys 36 and 26 and agreed that only about 25 percent of the fish are keepers. A good example of the volume of action along with the percentage of shorts was the catch made by one sharpie who took nearly 200 fluke, of which 45 were keepers. Nick noted that the Conservation Dept. has been doing a great job enforcing the 14" minimum size limit and suggested everyone obey the law less they go home with a heavy fine to pay. Of the flounder, Nick spoke of buoys 32, 36 and 29 where about 50 percent of the fish are keepers. Most boats managed 40-60 keepers on worms although the biggest of the fish seemed to have a preference for red dyed clams.



It took only three hours on the flats near buoy 42 in Moriches Bay for Tom and Holly Greene and Dennis and Margie Chaney to put away over 50 flounder to 1 1/4 lbs. Fishing was done out of L&M Marine in East Moriches.

lighthouse area. Offshore, some makos being taken but well off the beach. Those who did score fished from 180-220' of water. Big blues are stacked up on the offshore grounds but have yet to move within the 100' mark. On the freshwater side, both Bubbles and Rattlesnake Creek have been producing some nice rainbows in the 12-14" range.

Pretty good fluking with a better keeper ratio inside the bay around Sexton Island, Dickerson Channel and West Channel. This via Neil Delaney of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee**. He labelled his AM and PM trips on the weekend as good with most fares finishing up with 4-5 keepers and hi-hook each day coming in between 8 and 12 fish. The last of the flood has been the best tide with all the usual baits working. Neil did note that killies seem to have a slight edge over other baits. Neil's dad Warren came along on Sunday's AM trip and put away 9 keepers. Along on the same trip, Gene Kelly had 10 keepers. Highlight of the week, was a 13.2 pound weakfish taken by Sexton Island by Francis Campbell of Bay Shore on a fluke rig.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that while shorts dominate fluke catches, a few bigger fish are being found back inside the bay. Some sea bass along with small porgies are being taken on worms and clams near the lighthouse. Umbrella rigs, small popping plugs and 007 jigs are being used to take some blues at the inlet and also on Farm Shoals. Big blues in the 10-15 pound range are being chummed and trolled offshore from 100' of water on out. Good shark fishing remains a long way off the beach.

Capt. Dan Juettner of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Dan** labelled the past weekend as fair in the fluke department. He noted an improvement in the keeper ratio although many shorts continue to be taken. Most of his fishing is being done in the State Channel and it was here that one fare

managed a 6 pound fluke during the past week.

Capt. Jim Gillen of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Gillen** spoke of plenty of action though lots of short fluke are making up that action. Jim has been working Dickerson, Snake Hill and West Channels and noted that there was a showing of some nicer fish in the area this week. Last of the flood has an edge in the tide department while spearing and sandeels work best in the bait department. Jim noted that live killies begin to do the most damage after or around the 4th of July.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Richie** also spoke of a lot of shorts but noted that some nice fluke are mixing into the catches now. On Friday, a 7 pound weakfish taken by Bob Franklin intervened into the fluking. Richie has been working the inlet area along with West Channel. Sunday's pool fish was a 4 1/2 pounder and a few small blues are mixed with the fluke on some days.

A similar report was filed by **Capt. Richie Abrams** of the **Captree** based open boat **Capt. Whittaker**. "Continued plenty of action with lots of shorts but some nice fish beginning to show." On Saturday the boat had a shot of good size fish down at the inlet. Seventy-five percent of these fish were keepers.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** thought the fluke picture very much unchanged this week with quite a few shorts still the rule. He did notice a good showing of fish up to 3-5 pounds on Saturday at the Inlet and in Snake Hill Channel. Plenty of fish in the State Channel but most are shorts. After a good week, weekend action slowed with Saturday being the better of the two days. Action with bay weaks and blues on the PM trips improved slightly with 4-6 weaks and 15-20 blues being taken each night.

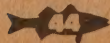
Relatively good fluking with a lot of throwbacks being taken, according to **Capt. George Tweedy** of the **Capt. Scotty 3**. George has been working the inlet and Ocean Beach and has found killie and squid combos to be the most effective bait. Beginning on Friday, George will begin sailing 7PM daily for bluefish in addition to his daytime fluke trips.

Plenty of small fluke, but most are too small to keep, this from **Fred Austin** of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. State Channel, Robert Moses Bridge and West Channel all have their quota of fluke. Blackfishing remains good although few people are trying for them. Best spots remain the R.M. Bridge, Oak Beach Barge and the Kismet Reef. Small blues are being taken at the mouth of the inlet with bigger choppers still camped offshore. The Sore Thumb area continues to produce some excellent flounder fishing despite the late date. The **Pooka V** did a big job on the flats all week. Fred also noted the first showing of snappers at the Babylon Town Dock. The baby blues are being

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Small fluke, most shorts dominate the fishing in Great South Bay although a few bigger flatties are being taken in the Ocean Beach area. This according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Small blues are in and out of Fire Island Inlet where boatmen are trolling the fish on umbrellas or taking them on 007 jigs. Paul knew of a 38 pound striper taken Wednesday morning by Curt Roeloffs in Moriches Inlet on a live flounder. Some good sized crabs beginning to show at the local docks but no snappers yet. Eric Berger checked in a catch of 5 rainbow trout in the 12-13" range which he took in West Lake, Patchogue.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that fluke fishing is dominated by mostly shorts. There are still blackfish on the Kismet Reef and small blues move in and out of the inlet where they are being trolled on umbrellas or taken on 007 jigs. Al also told of a few weakfish taken on bucktail and jellyworm combos in the



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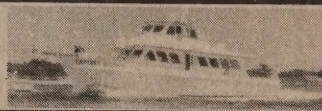
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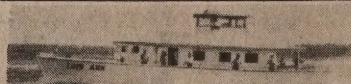
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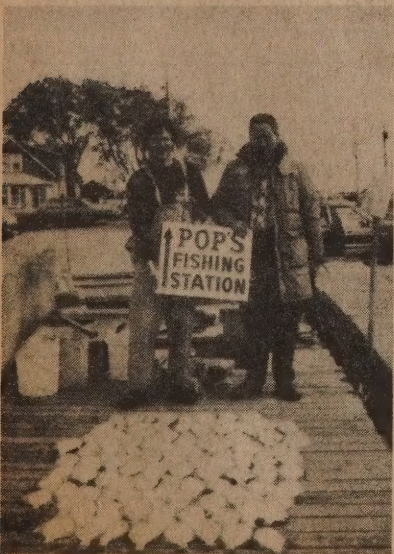
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accompanied by some blue claw crabs.

Paul Epstein checked a 5 pound largemouth bass in at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. It was taken on a plug in Sagtikos Lake, Oakdale. Live killies are being used to take pickerel in Southards Pond, Babylon according to Mike Andreani of the the shop. Small blues are in the inlet and there has been an improvement in the State Channel fluking. Flounder continue to hold their own in the Sore Thumb Pocket off of Oak Beach.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Coplaque** looked over a catch of 12 blues in the 14 pound range taken on Charlie's Big Deal Saturday. The boat ran to 140' of water before beginning their chumming which was originally intended for sharks. On Wednesday, Les and Arlene Berrent worked West Channel to the tune of 4 weeks to 8 pounds and a few small bluefish. Al Spehr had 2 weeks and some blues in the West Island area on Saturday. Still good flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb and small blues averaging 2 pounds being plugged and trolled down at the inlet. Some of the better size fluke that Ralph has seen so far this year have been coming off of the dock at Tanner Park where most of the flatties are between 16 and 17 inches long. A few blue claw crabs here also. Ralph reminded that applications for the Squaw Island Fishing Club Mako Roundup should be filed by the weekend. They can be completed at Z Crab or you can call 789-3256 for more info.

Over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Scotty Smyth said that there are pretty good numbers of fluke in the State Channel east of Frank and Dick's. Flounder remain a good bet at the Sore Thumb and some blues being taken just outside as well as inside the inlet. Boatmen still pick



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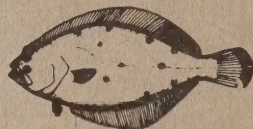


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From Edelman's in Farmingdale comes word of lots of fluke west of Fox Creek. Nicer size fish are being taken on live killies. Kenny Mouzon ran to the Robert Moses Bridge for his fluking and landed over 90 of the summer flatties. All but 6 had to be returned. Some small blues are being trolled at the inlet and just outside on umbrella rigs with the bigger choppers remaining offshore.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

As the month of June departs flounder continue to be caught in excellent numbers by those fishing them. Huge numbers of midget fluke are swimming throughout the area with enough keepers being caught to make the pursuit worthwhile. Blackfish are waning and first reports of bluefish are trickling in and there will probably be a sudden influx of the blues by this weekend.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Very good fluke action this week said Capt. Brian of the Seaford party boat **Chinco III**, when the wind and tide cooperate for good drifting. Lots of throwbacks around. High hook of the week was Frank Parker with a total of 28 fluke resulting in 16 keepers. Pool fish are running in the 3½ lb. range with killies and fluke belly working best in local water and the State Channel.

A call from **Pops Fishing Station** told of some good keeper fluke catches amongst the midgets, with best action on the east side of the Wantagh bridges/4 Corners. A 5½

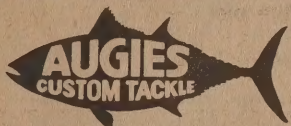


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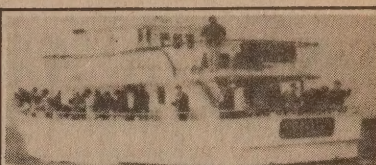
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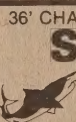
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lb. fluke was weighed in by Mr. Blume and wife, while 18 keepers was the largest catch of the week. John said that about 20 percent of the fish are keepers with killie squid combos working best, followed by spearing. The ebb is producing larger fluke.

According to **Boobs Fishing Station**, Jerry Passaretti and George Pezerlick along with Mark Marcone bagged 2, 300 lb. mako shark and 5 brown shark fishing on their boat Fish-On working due south of Jones Inlet Saturday.

According to Scott at **Merrick Tackle** the AM and PM hours have seen fairly regular invasions of bay blues which are falling to small umbrellas and Kastmasters around the mouth of the inlet. Fluke with lots of shorts mixed in are a hot item in Reynolds and off the CG Station. Flounder catches are still strong at the CG Station and in the deeper waters at the M bridge.

A call from Jimmy at **Nicks Fishing Station** told of some very good fluking (including lots of shorts) at Merrick Point with a few 4 to 4 1/2 lb. fluke mixed in. Broad Creek has also been good with outgoing water best for keeper sized fish. Killies have been the best bait. Regular Ray Cotty has had several super keeper fluke catches working Merrick Point these last two weeks while on vacation.

Moving over to Freeport, we are told by Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** that Tuesday and Wednesday saw good fluke catches on the boat. A 4 lb. pool winner was pulled by Rich Mastantuono of Flushing. Thursday saw Bob Vilcko of Hicksville with a 3 1/2 lb. fluke. The rest of the week saw lots of action in local areas, but few keepers. On Sunday's PM flounder trip Candee Hennicksen bagged a 2 1/2 lb. flattie, while Bob Giallanzo bagged up with 38 good keeper flounder. The boat begins 7PM to 1PM night blues on June 29th and also a 2PM fluke trip starting the beginning of July. See ad for details.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet**, skipper Mike Dannon says that both boats picked away at fluke all week with plenty of throwbacks and also a decent number of keepers. On Tuesday, Dave, a regular walked off with 19 keeper fluke. On Friday, 9-year-old Jeremy Ascher of Merrick made everyone's eyeballs pop with 15 keepers for the day. The half day fluking has also been termed "pretty good" with high hooks hovering around the 10 mark each trip and pools in the 4 to 5 lb. class. Friday saw a good day's fishing for the Australian Disabled Olympic Athletes. The weekend slowed due to the wind, but this did not keep the three members of the Bagley family on the all day trip from taking 28 keepers. The 4:30 flounder trips have been productive as evidenced by Thursday's catch for Terry of Freeport of 38 keepers of mixed sizes.

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A call from the **Capt. Al** advised that there was such a strong showing of accidental blues caught while bottom fishing, that he is now changing his schedule to blues 6:30 AM and 7PM everyday.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association**, Dock master Bob passed the word that the **Super Spray II** is beginning its night fishing sailing for blues from 6PM to midnight and that for the July 4th Harbor Festival in New York Harbor the boat will be sailing at 6PM for fares to eyeball the fireworks display in NY Harbor. Call for details if interested. The Association's charter boats have all found fluking this week to be good but, of course, with large numbers of illegal fish. However, some 3 to 5 lb. keepers remained on the boats. Aboard the **SS II** on Friday's PM trip, Greg Olah, of East Meadow hoisted a true 8½ lb. fluke and on the same trip, Greg Weinstine of Woodmere bagged a 6 lb. The charter fleet aside from the fluke are also taking some offshore blues.

Out of nearby Point Lookout, the **Capt. Bill** told of Tuesday's catch by regular Frank Alexander of a 3½ lbs. fluke and Wednesday's catch of 7 keeper fluke by Franklin Square angler Hank Aubel. A 4 lb. was the reward Thursday for Leon Phillips of Freeport and on Friday Harold Saks nailed a 5 lb. 2 oz. fluke while John Marshall of Queens was satisfied with 9 keepers. The weekend saw lots of fish caught but mostly throwbacks. High hooks each day were usually around 4 keepers. Fishing has all been local on the inside.

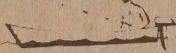
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From **Scotty's Fishing Station** comes word of Wed. catch by Helen Guardino of Oceanside of a 3½ lb. fluke and two 3 lbers. taken at Middle Bay on a killie-squid combo. Saturday's catch for Mike Hoffman and Jerry Schrizza was a 28 lb. bass taken on live bunker in the inlet. Friday's prize catch was Rudolpho Gonzalez' 4 lb. fluke taken on a squid-killie combo.

Out of Island Park, the open boat **Commodore** told of fair fishing in the bay all week, with loads of midgets. Catches average 5 to 10 keepers a person in the bay with things slower on the weekend due to heavy boat traffic. Conditions have not been right all month for fishing the outside along the beaches, but Capt. Klem said as soon as drifting conditions are right he will be fishing the beaches and ocean channels. In the bay, keepers are ranging from 2 to 14 a person on squid and spearing.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook was happy to say that the Jones Beach piers are loaded with big flounder, averaging 30 an angler, with a few 4 to 5 lb. fluke thrown in. Both tides are producing fish for pier anglers. Try the Coast Guard Station area for flounder also. A couple of keeper bass have been live eeled at the big M. The store has live eels in stock. Good blue claw crabbing in the waters next to Pete's Clam Bar.

The word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is that the fluke have picked up a bit with flounder and blacks also looking good this past week. Fluke are being caught best on killies. Eight-year-old Sean O'Shea along with mon and pop bagged 2 4-lb. fluke at buoy 3 Saturday. Most of the rental skiffs are averaging 10 out of 30 keepers. The cement block and buoy 3 have been hotspots this week. Flounder have been best at buoy 3 and off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Blackfish have been fair to good at the bridges and on wrecks while some bay blues are being trolled on umbrellas in 30' of water.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach Al tells of lots of fluke with mucho throwbacks from the eCG station to the AB bridge with some 3 lbers. caught off the CG. Buoys 9 and 10 near the inlet are good also. Good flounder action remains at the mussel beds roughly 600 feet east of the ABB on the north side up to 2 lbs. on worms. Blackfish at the bridges and off the Silver Point jetty on fiddlers and green crab. A few bass at the Silver Point jetty on bunker chunks. Fishing at 17 fathoms J. York on the 4 Queens had a 16 lb. 13½ oz. blue Saturday and a 15 lb. 8 oz. blue for Sid Alter on Sunday.

Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** had five fluke trips this week. All trips saw a decent number of keepers caught, but also mucho midgets. Fishing was all in local waters and pool fish ran 3 to 4 lbs. Tuesday's trip was for Lumber head-

Marie III on Tuesday fished a group from Belmont Race Track and picked away at fluke in Reynolds, off the Golf Course and in the back. Joe Cantry was high hook with 7 keepers out of 70 caught. Dave Smith had 8 keepers out of 55 fish caught. The pool fish ran 3 lbs. On Saturday's trip, Bernadette Klein group had good fishing in the AM in Reynolds and off the golf course and the ABB in the PM with a 5 percent keeper ratio. LOTS of throwbacks. Same picture on Sunday with lots of shorts and a few keepers working the west end of Reynolds. Spearing, sand eels and squid have been effective on both tides. Denis says he still has many choice weekday dates available.

From the **Miss Point Lookout** word from Captain Ron is that the overall fluking has been good although many fish are illegal. Two 6 lbers. were

taken during the week, however. Joe Ruggiero of New Hyde Park took the pool Saturday AM with a 3 lber. while Fred Weitzen of Long Beach grabbed Saturday's pool with another 3 lber.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** felt the fluking was okay through Sunday though loads of short fish were in evidence. Kurt and Shaun Reibe of Queens totalled 19 keeper fluke Saturday fishing spearing at buoys 17 and 18 in Reynolds on the north side of the channel and in the flats. Twenty-four was the high hook on keepers for the week and best was two hours either side of the high. Flounder still great. 117 were taken at Swift Creek and off the CG station by Rich Jackson, Tom White and Fred Scherb on worm and clam. Harry Hakoun and Rich Yerrey of NJ bagged 33 blackfish at the Big M at low slack on fiddlers, fish going 1 to 2-lbs. Bay

quarters of Floral Park, Wednesday's trip was for the Henry Schnuderl group of NYC. Friday's trip was for Xerox Corp., Saturday's for the Kevin Bryne group and Sunday's for Forest Valley Tavern of Locust Valley.

From Captain Sy Carlin's **Blue Fin Fleet** we learn that fluking continues good in local waters and along the beaches but with a very high midget ratio. Sunday's catch off Riis Park ran to over 50 keepers. During the week Veronica Mayberry had a 4 lber. while Carl Riecek of New Hyde Park and Fred Zientek both hoisted 3½ lbers. A 3½ lber. was also caught by Joe Levine and Stan of Hanover Bank while Karen Lee Donnelly and Ralph Smith, both of NJ hoisted 4 lbers. High hook of the week on Monday was 40 total fluke for Bob Kuden of Fairlawn NJ while Pee wee Gerner of Sussex, NJ totalled 31. These were combined keepers and throwbacks. The keeper ratio was just around 8 percent all week with squid and spearing and sand eels best.

From the charter boat **Capt. Gary** we learn of Friday's trip for fluke for the Emerald Society Housing Police. Bob Kelly was high hook with 12 keepers and a 4 lb. pool winner. Saturday's trip for Adden Corp., Farmingdale had a fair pick on fluke in Reynolds and Long Creek with Anita taking the pool and high hook honors. On Sunday, Cecil Best and pals, also had fair fluking off Riis Park and the Rockaways. Cecil had a 4½ lber. Spearing, killies and smelt did the trick. A couple of big blues were also taken.

A call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's trip for the Headquarters of European American Bank, Franklin Square with 8, 3 lb. fluke taken during the day amongst



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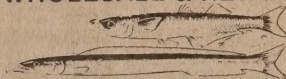
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others. Reynolds and Jones Inlet were worked with squid. About a third of the fish caught were keepers said the skipper with best action on the last of the ebb. On Sunday the Howard Tose group also had an enjoyable day picking away at the flatfish.

Larry at **Mako Marina** passed the word along that on Saturday Harold Erdrick on his boat Spare Change ran to the canyon, hooking and landing himself a 175 lb. bigeye tuna. Also taken on that day's trip were 15 football tuna. All fish were caught on Striker LE-1 lures and Softheads. There has also been very good bluefishing about 3 miles southeast of the HA. These are big fish that are smashing umbrellas. Charter boat **Apus** had a small dusky shark on the weekend. Don't forget the July 14th shark tournament being held out of Mako Marina. There are still several openings left. See ad and call for details if interested.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway we've learned of loads of fluke, mostly shorts throughout Reynolds. Flounder starting to thin out in the Duck Point area while bccs are active at Bay Park along with small snappers starting. A few weeks on the Tin can on sand worms. Blues moving closer everyday. The black-fishing remains fair but is starting to thin out at the bridges on fiddlers and greens.

From **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay comes word of lots of small flounder on worms off both bridges. Mixed sizes of blackfish off the south channel bridge on fiddlers. Fluke fair on killie-squid combos with lots of throwbacks but some keepers. Nights are seeing lots of small blues caught on large spearing and smelt along with a couple of small stripers. Some very small porgies also being caught daytime on clam.

From the open boat **Capt. Mike** out of Howard Beach came news that the fluking has been fair to good through Sunday with lots of short fish in evidence. Incoming water has been best at Debs and Coney Island Flts. Mike said to let you know aside from his having the new boat there is now also a full time cook aboard for delicious hot food.

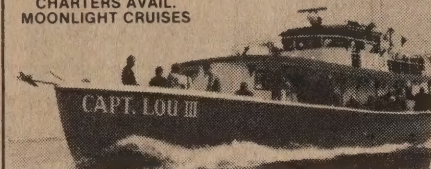
To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B VII** fished Sandy Hook Sunday with roughly a 60 percent keeper ratio. Brooklyn angler Alfred Poliak was happy with 16 keepers by the end of the day. A new body of fluke has moved in said Kevin and he anticipates some excellent fishing to the east this week.

From **Capt. Tom** of the **Pilot II** came word that the last two weeks have been super solid fishing on blackfish, ling and sea bass. Friday saw loads of sea bass taken, Saturday loads of blacks and Sunday a strong combina-

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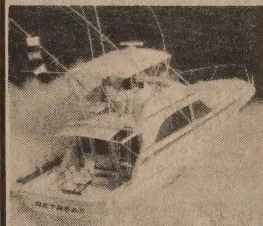
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with Marty Garrell

Sinker bouncers throughout the Sound are finding a mixed bag in the form of flounder, fluke, blackfish, and a sprinkling of porgies. Most of the bluefish in the sound are still small fish although the first showing of bigger fish occurred on the weekend north of the Lilco loading platform at mid-Sound. Stripers seem to be plentiful along western Sound beaches with a mixture of shorts and husky schoolies.

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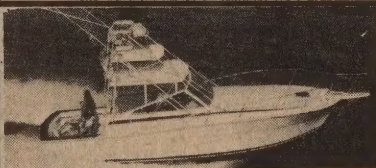
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Bass are being taken on trolled worms and also by casters throwing Bomber plugs around Hart's Island and Fort Slocum. There are a few blues in the 3-5 pound class being trolled on umbrella rigs off of Mamaroneck and Rye.

Capt. Joe Ferrara of the City Island based **Sea King** has been working the waters off of Center Island and Eatons Neck and finding some good flounder and blackfish action. A few porgies and sea bass are mixed in the catch each day. Some of the blacks are bulldogs with the pool fish each day falling into the 8 or 9 pound range.

Blackfish are on the wane according to Phil Nasi of **Glen Cove Sport Shop**. However, there are still some good catches of flounder to be had in Desoris Pond. A few decent blues are beginning to show up in the area with a 10 pounder taken off of Center Island this week. Small blues are in and out of the Harbor and along Pryble Beach. Fluke up to 4 and 5 pounds beginning to show off of Bayville.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Capt. Billy Collins of the **Huntington** open boat **Ever Ready II** said that flounder fishing has been hot and cold with dwindling numbers of blackfish mixing in. A few porgies, sea bass and fluke are helping pick up the slack however. The boat has been fishing the Eaton's Neck area. Bluefish are beginning to show in the area so the skipper expects that they will be making the switch over to the choppers soon.

The first good showing of larger blues occurred on Friday and Saturday according to George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle in Huntington**. The fish were found north of the Lilco platform in mid-Sound and ranged between 5 and 13 pounds. Some were taken on umbrellas, fished deep with wire or downriggers, while others took their fish on jigs. Mark Luciane and a friend trolled fifteen of the new arrivals. Smaller blues in the 2-4 pound range are still available at the Lilco Outflow and good numbers of school bass with a few larger fish being trolled along area beaches on sandworms. Others being taken on cast Rebels. Bob Ehrman had a 14½ pound striper during the week. Still some good flounder fishing off of Marshall Field and Eaton's with a mixture of porgies and blackfish, worms and clams accounting for these fish.

Still plenty of mackerel inshore along local beaches every evening according to Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods in Northport**. Kastmasters have been working best on the fish. Blackfish being taken at buoy 13 on green crabs and fiddlers. No word on porgies but Tom did know of the first fluke taken in the area over this past weekend. Tom



Louis Bosso shows two of the 25 flounder to 3 lbs. he caught opposite Hallock Landing Road in Rocky Point. He checked his catch at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

also observed that there is an extraordinary amount of bait in local waters and is hoping that once the blues settle in they will provide good action through the summer.

Still blackfish being taken with the best fishing found tight to the beach between Miller Place and Rocky Point. This according to Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Of the fluke, some anglers do well, some poorly and this is a case where one's level of expertise can make a difference. The bigger fish are east of Wading River while there are plenty of small fluke including shorts, between Sound Beach and Miller Place. Boatmen casting Hopkins and Kastmasters in the morning and evening hours have been chasing scattered schools of 3-5 pound blues.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue spoke of scattered blues in the bay on umbrella rigs at Robins Island and in Flanders Bay. Jiggers using 007 and tube combos taking their share of small blues at Jessup's. The only weakfish action concerns a few fish being taken off the Greenlawns after dark on squid and jellyworm. Fluking at Horton's remains the big news with fish averaging 3-5 pounds and some fish to 8 pounds being taken. Some of these fish are also being taken by shorecasters using strips of squid. West of here, small fluke predominate. Best bet for blackfish remains the Pipeline. Hermit crabs account for the best scores but fiddlers or green crabs will take fish also.

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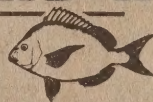
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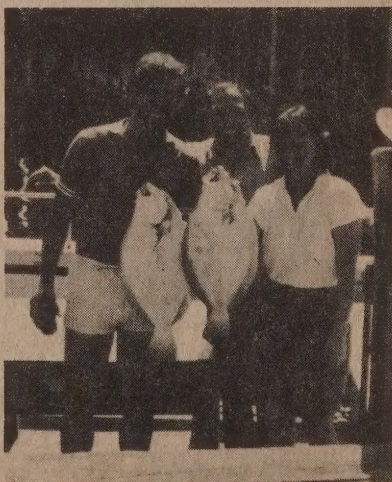
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Bruce Borzon with an 8 lb. fluke and friend Eve with a 6 lb., frame Captain Larry Cicotto of the Orient-based open boat, "Prime Time II." The fish were taken in Long Island Sound off of Horton's Point.

tion, Ron Peterson spoke of lots of fluke in the area. Two to three pound fish are right outside the inlet while Horton's Point is holding larger fish. Joe Bilella had a 10½ pound doormat at Horton's on Sunday. Combo baits of sandeels or killies or squid have been the ticket. Some blackfish being taken at the pipeline including a 10 pounder by a Mrs. Christopher and an 8 pounder by Jimmy Turner. Both were taken on Sunday. Hermit crabs are the first choice in the bait department with green crabs second best. John Caine jigged several 4-5 pound blues outside the inlet on Sunday.

Porgies are carrying the load in the New Suffolk area according to Phil Loria of Captain Marty's Fishing Station. Clams and worms are being used to take mixed size fish from less than a pound up to 2½ pounds at buoy 18—Middle Grounds and buoy 22—Nassau Point. Also, a few more blowfish showing up in the area. Small blues being taken in the North Race on trolled umbrellas and weakfish quiet this week after last week's good flurry at buoy 28.

Art White of A P White Bait Shop in Greenport said that porgy fishing remained good all week until slowed by weekend boat traffic. Lots of small blues between 1 and 4 pounds being taken at Jessups on umbrellas and diamond jigs. Both Gardiners and Hortons producing fluke but the best shot at the bigger fish remains with Hortons. This should change shortly. And for those that have not had their fill of winter flatties, flounder fishing remains solid at Petty's Bight.

Out at the Island's tip, Larry Cicotto of the Orient based Prime Time II spoke of good fluke action this week. The skipper has been splitting his time between Horton's Point and Gardiners. The doormats seem to be leaving Hortons but 2-5 pound fluke still predominate. Gardiner's is developing but the big fish have yet to establish themselves here as yet. According to the skipper, oddly enough, sandeel

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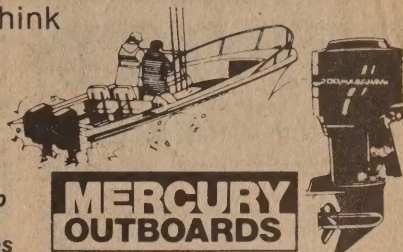
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Montauk surrendered a couple of big strippers this past week to a few hard working surfmen.

Mike Kaland of the Striper Surf Club told me that the front and jetty area of West End II had been real quiet. I did hear rumblings of some weakfish on the backside of Jones during the latter part of the last week.

Moving over to the Fire Island area, that 43 pound striper rumored about here last week, was in reality a 40 pound striper. The fish was in fact taken as it was confirmed Joe Augeri who landed the fish. A member of the Gateway Striper Club, Joe took the cow on a tin at dawn and with help from fellow club member Ron Turbin, weighed and released the fish. Our hats off to Joe. While on the phone, Joe also mentioned that a fellow club member used a pencil popper to land an 11 pound striper at Fort Totten. He also noted that the Staten Island area where he often fishes, has been very quiet.

Ira Marder relayed word through J & R Sports Center in Oakdale that he landed 3 bass to 8 pounds Friday AM at Robert Moses parking field #2. Two of the fish were shorts. All three were taken on 007 jigs fished behind a teaser. Small blues have been coming and going at Democrat where walkers have a monopoly on the action. Same kind of sporadic action has been taking place across the way at Cedar

Beach. Most of the blues taken range between 1 and 3 pounds.

Moriches Inlet yielded a few big strippers this past week according to Paul Graniello of J & J Tackle in Patchogue. One of them, a 37.14 pounder was taken by Frank Santoro on Thursday and weighed at Paul's shop. It fell for a Bomber plug.

Out in Montauk, the same plug proved the demise of a 35.12 pound striper for Jim Paulsen. This via Johnny Kronuch of Johnny's Tackle Shop in Montauk. It was taken Sunday night up front. Same night, Bob Amundsen clicked with a 38½ pound cow. John noted that the weekend saw a couple of 15 to 20 pound bass taken along with a 15 pound blue from the beaches around the point. Far from a blitz, as some would lead us to believe but enough fish around for those who work hard at it. John also noted that netters had their first shot of weakfish on the south side this past week since the early spring run of fish.

Up on the North Shore, Phil Nasi of Glen Cove Sport Shop spoke of good numbers of bass with a few weaks spread along local beaches. The fish have been tough to catch as Phil learned Saturday night when he was surrounded by rolling bass and weaks. All refused his offerings, however. Phil noted that small sandeels clogged the waters along the beach.

Over in the Huntington area, George Valentine of Four Winds Tackle also spoke of quite a few bass along local beaches stretching from Lloyds Point to Sunken Meadow. Fish range from shorts up to 12 pounds with an occasional larger fish mixed in. Rebels in the 4½ and 5½ inch sizes have been turning the trick for most casters. Small blues in the 2-4 pound class still available to casters working the Lilco outflow and adjacent Crab Meadow Beach.

A little to the east, Tom Bowman of Bowman's Sporting Goods in Northport filed a similar report. He mentioned Hobart, Makamah and Callahans Beaches and added that an occasional weakfish is also being taken along the Smithtown Bay shore.

Stan Henschel of Rocky Point Fishing Stop said that Ronnie Setnikar has been picking away at bass all week along local beaches during the evening and early morning hours. Most of his fish are being taken on small pencil poppers. The fish are being taken after dark on Rebels and RedFins fished behind Red Gill or feather droppers. Scattered blues from 3-5 pounds come and go along area beaches. This is mostly a early morning or evening affair and tin is the ticket.

Out on the North Fork, Ed Kopack of Warren's Tackle Shop in Aquebogue said that there have been very few bass along North Fork beaches up to this point. However, a few weakfish to 11 pounds are being picked along beaches in the Riverhead area.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Bass from shorts up to 10-12 pounds, with occasional larger fish, seem spread along North Shore beaches from Rocky Point west to the Hempstead Harbor area. Here and there, a few weaks are mixed with the bass. Both species have played hard to catch more times than not, with most casters attributing the fussy behavior to large amounts of very small sand eels along the beaches. As in the past few seasons, the one plug that does seem to turn these fish on has been the hard to find Hellcat. Silver and yellow finishes have been the most productive with silver having the edge.

South Shore bass action has been limited but all of the inlet areas are now producing a few big fish. To keep things in perspective, were talking about a lot of people putting in a lot of hours for those few cows. Most casters have been contenting

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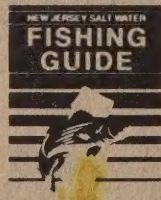


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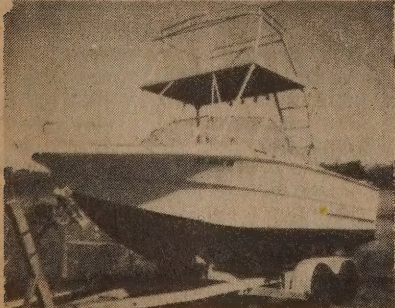
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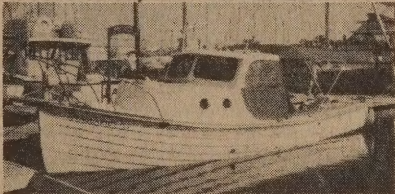
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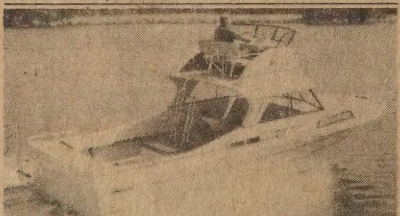
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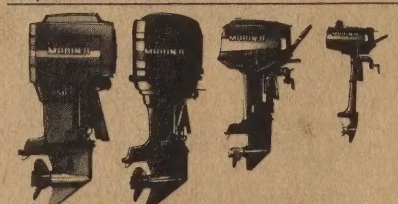
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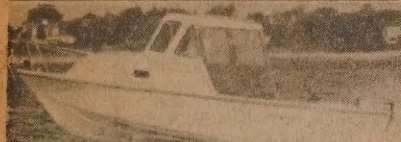
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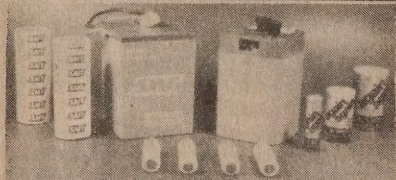
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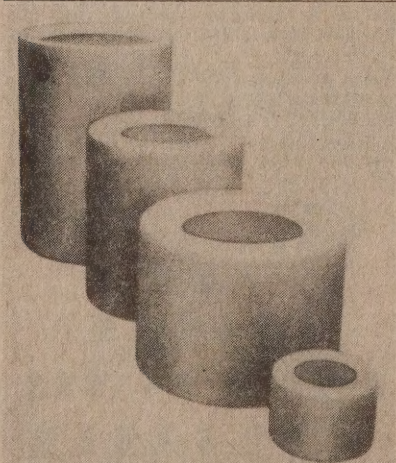
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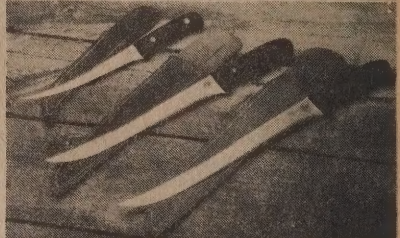
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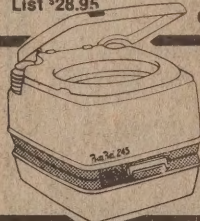
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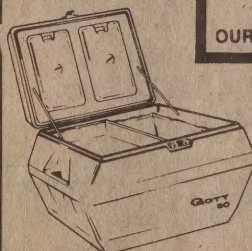
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